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The plan adopted in preparing the Report for 1887 has been followed in drawing up this Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1888. The forms of Statements appended are also similar.

2. The reports from District Officers were submitted with punctuality and generally showed more care in their preparation than those of the previous year. District Magistrates, however, in their reports devote too much attention to explaining variations in the number of offences of the different classes reported and detected, that is to say, to the work of the Police, which, strictly speaking, do not concern the administration in the Criminal Courts. On the other hand, little, if any, notice is taken of the work done by the various classes of tribunals, its character and quality, and whether the Courts have worked to the satisfaction of the public. Other matters, too, of importance receive but scanty comment, such as the regularity and promptitude with which trials are concluded, and witnesses discharged from attendance so as to render the inconvenience as small as possible to persons called on to present themselves at the Criminal Courts in the interests of the administration of justice, and thus to render that administration both prompt and effective.

Area and population.

3. No material variation in the figures, representing the area and population of the several districts comprised within the Lower Provinces of Bengal and subject to the administration of the High Court, has been reported.

Judicial Divisions.

4. The number of Sessions Divisions, including Calcutta (30), was the same as at the close of 1887; but the Division of Godda in the Sonthal Pergunnahs was added to the Sessions Division of Bhaugulpore, and Sessions cases arising therein will in future be committed to Bhaugulpore for trial. No such case was, however, committed during the year under report.

5. The number of districts was also the same as in 1887, so also the number of sub-divisions.

6. For the reasons stated in the Reports for previous years, the statistics of that portion of the Sonthal Pergunnahs, which is administered by the Government of Bengal direct, has been excluded from this Report.

I.—CRIMINAL COURTS.

Presidency Magistrates, Sessions Judges, and District Magistrates.

7. The number of Stipendiary Magistrates at the Presidency, and of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates outside the Presidency Town, has remained unchanged.

District Magistrates with special powers under Section 34, C. P. C.

8. The District Magistrates vested with the special powers described in Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were, as in previous years, the Deputy Commissioners of Manbhoom, Singbhoom, Hazareebagh, Darjeeling, Lohardugga, and Julpaiguri. The last two officers, however, did not exercise these powers during the year under review.

9. Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Magistrates (Stipendiary and Honorary), in Calcutta, the total numbers of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1887 and 1888 respectively were—

	1887.	1888.
Stipendiary	384	380
Honorary	1,673	1,647

Of the 380 Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of the year, 241 exercised powers of the first class, 61 of the second class, and 78 of the third class, as compared with 223, 68, and 93 respectively employed at the close of the previous year. It will thus be observed that the decrease in the number of Stipendiary Magistrates is only amongst those exercising inferior powers.

Benches of Magistrates.

10. Taking the province as a whole, excluding Calcutta, the total number of Benches of Magistrates constituted under Section 15 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 196, the same as at the close of 1887. The following variations, however, appear on a comparison of the returns for the past two years. Three new Benches were created in the District of Jessore, and one in each of the Districts of Beerbhoom, Dacca, Dinagepore, Pubna, and Chumparun, while a Bench was for the first time constituted in Manbhoom. On the other hand, the number of Benches in each of the Districts of Burdwan, Khulna, and Maldah was reduced by 2, and by 1 in each of the Districts of Chittagong, Patna, and Shahabad. The number of Benches in these districts was therefore at the close of 1888, Burdwan and Jessore (11 each), Patna (6), Dacca and Shahabad (5 each), Khulna (4), Dinagepore and Pubna (3 each), and Beerbhoom, Chittagong, Maldah, and Chumparun (2 each), and, as stated above, there was one new Bench in the District of Manbhoom.

Of these Benches 68 were independent Benches, that is, Benches not presided over by a Stipendiary Magistrate; 55 Benches were restricted to the trial of matters under the Municipal Acts; and 73 Benches were presided over by Stipendiary Magistrates. The corresponding figures for 1887 were 67 independent, 53 Municipal Benches, and 76 other Benches.

There were also 4 Special Magistrates (not Stipendiary) employed at the close of 1888, as compared with 8 employed at the close of 1887. Two of those employed during 1888 did no Criminal work during the year.

The returns show that 37,291 persons were tried by Benches of Magistrates during the past year and 2,357 by Honorary Magistrates sitting singly, making a total of 39,648 persons out of 187,210 under trial before all the Courts in the Province. The work done by the Benches was thus considerable; and, though the majority of the cases before them was of a petty nature, involving offences against Municipal or Local Laws, these tribunals afforded substantial assistance to the administration.

The districts which return the largest outturn of work by Benches of Magistrates are Patna, where these tribunals tried 3,886 persons, 24-Pergunnahs (3,618), Howrah (3,381), and Burdwan (2,229). The number of persons on trial before this class of tribunal also exceeded 1,500 in Mozufferpore and Hooghly.

Reports vary as to the character and value of the work done by the Benches in various districts and to the regularity with which the members attended to their duties.

The District Magistrate of Patna reports that "the working of the Benches was on the whole satisfactory and the Magistrates were fairly regular

in their attendance." In Burdwan the Benches are reported to have worked with much regularity, and similarly favourable reports have been received from Hooghly and Mozufferpore.

It is particularly satisfactory to notice the assistance afforded to the Stipendiary Magistrates during the recent distress in Pooree by the Benches of that district, of whom the District Magistrate reports: "The members of the Pooree Bench sit daily and get through a great amount of Criminal work thoroughly and unostentatiously. The excellent nature of the work done by them appears in the returns. But for the assistance cheerfully rendered by the Honorary Magistrates the delay in disposing of cases this year must have been very considerable."

The District Magistrate of the 24-Pergunnahs, however, writes in less favourable terms of the Honorary Magistrates in that district:—

"At the present stage of the experiment it would be hard to condemn the system of appointing Honorary Magistrates. At the same time it must be said that, with some honourable exceptions, little reliance can be placed on their punctuality or attendance. Many of them regard the post as a distinction only, and come down once or twice after their appointment, but desist on finding that they are really expected to do any work; while, if invited to resign, they reply that they consider the appointment to be permanent. The system requires to be fostered and developed by the judicious application of the personal influence of the District Magistrate, with those members of the Honorary Bench who are habitually recusant."

That such difficulty should be experienced in this suburban district is especially to be regretted.

The chief complaints made against the Magistrates sitting in the Benches are want of regularity in attendance and a tendency to unnecessary delay in the proceedings, and to undue leniency in the punishments awarded on conviction. These defects are no doubt to be expected; and it must always rest with the District Magistrates to correct them as far as possible by the exercise of an active supervision over the work of the Benches and by giving advice and assistance when they are needed.

The outturn of work done in the different districts varies considerably according to the interest displayed by the District Magistrates. From the reports it would seem that in many districts the services of these Magistrates might be more largely utilized.

The work done by Honorary Magistrates sitting singly was considerable in Darjeeling, Balasore, the 24-Pergunnahs, Manbhoom, and Tipperah. In the first-named district these Magistrates disposed of the cases of 847 persons. The Deputy Commissioner brings to favourable notice the work of two of the Honorary Magistrates sitting independently in Darjeeling, and of one he writes that "he disposed of a large number of cases taking a keen interest in what he did, and his services were invaluable at a period when the number of Stipendiary Magistrates at the head-quarters was short."

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

11. Tables A and B show the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during the years 1887 and 1888. Offences reported, &c., 1887-88. *Tables A and B.*

The general results were as follows:—

	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial.
1887	274,028*	233,939	155,050
1888	289,398	217,020	170,347

* Revised figures.

The increase in the number of reported offences was chiefly in respect of offences against property,[1] offences against the public health, &c., and religion,[2] and in offences under special and local laws. The increase under the last-mentioned head was very considerable. On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in respect of offences affecting the human body[3] and offences relating to public servants[4] and against public justice and false evidence.[5]

[1] Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code.
[2] Chapters XIV and XV " "
[3] Chapter XVI " "
[4] Chapters IX and X " "
[5] Chapter XI " "

12. The increase in the number of reported offences was most conspicuous in the following districts:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
24-Pergunnahs	17,954	23,587	16,223	21,722
Calcutta	45,477	49,833	45,387	49,772
Burdwan	6,208	7,658	5,051	6,641
Bhaugulpore	4,616	6,046	3,639*	4,969
Howrah	6,103	7,352	5,570	6,699
Balasore	2,621*	2,852	1,881*	2,167
Chumparun	4,423	5,266	3,528	4,249
Furreedpore	6,476	6,875	5,272	5,889
Sarun	6,160	6,787	4,762	5,330
Bogra	2,693	2,488	1,606	2,139
Mozufferpore	5,288	5,720	4,576	5,102
Rajshahye	2,875	3,878	2,332	2,846

The number of offences reported in Calcutta has been steadily increasing since 1885, when there was a sudden falling off as compared with the preceding year, 1884.

The increase in all these districts was mainly contributed by offences under special and local laws. The returns from the Districts of Bhaugulpore, Burdwan, and Bogra, however, also show a large increase in offences against property.

The increase in Burdwan is said to be due to the suppression in the previous year of reports of offences against property by the local Police of Cutwa and Ranigunge in order to improve their returns.

The returns of only 19 districts show a decrease in the number of offences reported, which is most conspicuous in the following:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Chittagong	5,150	4,501	3,781	2,791
Mymensingh	11,618	12,038	8,744	7,855
Patna	8,931	8,296	8,310	7,439
Dinagepore	5,826	4,715	4,544	3,730
Hooghly	7,825	7,199	6,608	6,016
Moorshedabad	5,110	4,590	4,522	3,988

Crime in Chittagong, Mymensingh, and Hooghly has decreased considerably as compared with the returns for 1886.

Rejected complaints and false cases.

13. The number of complaints dismissed and of cases struck off as false was 42,378 or 14·5 per cent. of the total number of offences reported in 1888, as compared with 40,089* or 14·8 per cent. rejected or struck off in 1887. The percentage for 1886 was 14·2.

The following figures distinguish complaints dismissed under Section 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code from complaints decided to be false after trial—

	Cases dismissed on complaint.	Cases decided to be false.
1887	31,786*	8,303*
1888	34,404	7,974

* Revised figures.

It will be seen on a comparison with the returns for previous years that there was a still further increase in the number of cases dismissed on complaint during the past year. The returns of 15 districts show a decrease, which is, however, in most cases small.

The increase is most marked in the returns of the following four districts, *viz.*, Mymensingh (1,168), Dacca (560), Rajshahye (384), and Chittagong (353).

The number of cases decided to be false has also still further decreased. The returns from the following five districts show the largest decrease, *viz.*, Tipperah (219 cases), Bankura (208), Midnapore (138), Durbhangah (106), and Pooree (102). On the other hand, Mymensingh shows an increase of 141 and Rajshahye of 105 cases. As stated above, these two districts also returned a considerable increase in the number of cases dismissed on complaint. The decrease in Midnapore is, the District Magistrate fears, partly due to anxiety on the part of some Magistrates to avoid the increase of the work which inquiries and prosecutions into false cases necessitate. These variations do not admit of satisfactory explanation and seem to depend on the idiosyncrasies of the different Magistrates.

Class I—Offences against the State, &c.

14. Only one offence under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code (offences against the State or relating to the Army and Navy) was reported during the past year, as against 3 in 1887, and 6 in 1886. The accused in this case was tried at Jessore and convicted.

Class II—Offences against the public tranquillity.

15. The number of offences against the public tranquillity, under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,800 in the past, as compared with 3,782 in the previous year. Such cases were most numerous in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Calcutta . . .	255	258	562	611
Mymensingh . . .	164	200	313	374
Dacca	177	184	364	341
Furreedpore . . .	176	175	392	572
Pubna	146	169	150	221
Tipperah . . .	167	150	508	431
Backergunge . . .	117	146	324	377
Shahabad . . .	101	127	258	265
Midnapore . . .	95	102	248	367

The reported offences of this class in the District of Rajshahye increased from 68 to 102, the result, it is stated, of disputes regarding reformed churs between the Puthiah Ranis and Messrs. Watson and Co., and to the differences between the shareholders of the Amhati, Puthiah, and Tahirpore zemindars, and to the long continued feud between the Soilgachi and Dubalhati Rajahs and their tenants. The rents of the Dubalhati estate are now being settled under the Bengal Tenancy Act.

In Furreedpore, although the number of cases returned as true during the past two years was almost stationary, a larger number of persons were tried and convicted during the past year for offences of this class.

Class III—Offences by, or concerning, public servants.

16. The number of offences by, or relating to, public servants (Chapters IX and X of the Penal Code) was 4,918 during the past year, as compared with 5,324 during 1887, and 4,712 in 1886. The decrease is most marked in the following eight districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Mymensingh . . .	504	216	592	205
Jessore	270	158	211	119
Sarun	232	120	257	153
24-Pergunnahs . .	245	139	195	111
Monghyr . . .	247	168	255	195
Bogra	128	62	124	55
Dinagepore . . .	192	119	141	84
Midnapore . . .	295	244	354	261

On the other hand, only three districts return a marked increase in offences of this class, *viz.* :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Manbhoom . . .	96	283	90	363
Hooghly . . .	56	240	58	271
Backergunge . . .	251	308	169	209

Class IV—Offences against public justice.

17. The number of offences against public justice and for giving false evidence, under Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,267 in the past, as compared with 3,415 in the previous year. There was therefore a decrease as against the increase reported in 1887.

The decrease occurred chiefly in the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
24-Pergunnahs . .	186	92	92	40
Monghyr . . .	193	131	91	75
Dinagepore . . .	127	70	85	21
Sarun	168	121	96	63
Mozufferpore . . .	94	60	46	22
Noakhally . . .	72	38	64	38
Moorshedabad . .	57	24	31	13

On the other hand, an increase is reported from the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Gya	110	161	66	98
Hazareebagh . . .	20	63	10	62
Shahabad . . .	115	157	82	95
Chittagong . . .	32	67	31	40

In the remaining districts the figures for the past two years varied very slightly.

The returns of persons convicted by the Courts outside the Presidency Town under this Chapter of the Penal Code for the past six years, and the percentage of persons convicted to the number of persons tried during each of these years, are as follows :—

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Persons convicted	1,986	1,809	1,639	1,818	1,786	1,746
Percentage convicted to number tried . .	53·6	50·	49·6	49·4	47·06	51·05

Prosecutions for offences of this class seem therefore to have been more successful in the past year than in any of the preceding four years.

18. The number of offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, under Chapters XII and XIII of the Penal Code, was 398 in the past, as against 492 in the previous year, and 420 in 1886. The decrease in the past year is most remarkable in the following districts:— Class V—Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights, &c.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888
Nuddea	135	27	119	21
Calcutta	34	16	29	17
24-Pergunnahs	26	10	20	7
Durbhangah	16	2	11	2

Except in the following two districts, where cases of this class are shown to have increased to some slight extent, the returns from the remaining districts show no marked variation:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888
Cuttack	6	27	1	14
Hazareebagh	6	26	5	24

The figures for Nuddea were abnormally large in 1887, for in 1886 the number of cases of this class returned as true was shown to be only 16.

19. The number of offences affecting public health, &c., and religion (Chapters XIV and XV of the Indian Penal Code) increased from 6,140 in 1887 to 7,712 in the year under report. In 1886 the number of offences of this class reported was 6,703. The increase is most conspicuous in the following districts:— Class VI—Offences affecting public health, &c.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Calcutta	4,170	5,179	6,168	7,869
24-Pergunnahs	204	583	246	802
Dacca	47	110	40	109
Sarun	258	320	254	260
Khulna	12	71	10	54
Hazareebagh	9	52	10	46
Jessore	44	86	39	74

In the remaining 15 districts, where an increase occurred, the difference in the figures for the past two years was less than 30.

The returns of the following three districts only show a marked decrease in crime of this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Dinagepore	172	121	235	116
Beerbhoom	67	37	62	58
Pooree	44	15	146	12

The prosecutions in the last mentioned district were however very unsuccessful, for out of 61 persons tried during the year, only 12, or 19·67 per cent., were convicted. Except in the case of Purneah, where only four persons were tried and acquitted or discharged, in no other district in the Province was the proportion of convictions so low as in Pooree. The number of cases brought to trial during the year was, however, very small, being only 11. The proportion of convictions in Pooree for 1887 for offences of this class was 97·3 per cent..

Class VII—Offences affecting the human body.

20. The total number of reported offences affecting the human body, under Chapter XVI of the Penal Code, was 71,141 in the past, as compared with 72,086 in the previous year, and 73,774 in 1886. The decrease in the past year is chiefly observable in the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Hooghly	3,209	1,982	675	564
Chittagong	1,787	1,058	359	281
Mymensingh	2,541	2,081	942	911
Rungpore	1,166	908	423	383
Midnapore	2,447	2,194	461	501

On the other hand, an increase of offences of this class is most conspicuous in the returns of the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Tipperah	2,298	2,590	657	669
Sarun	845	1,092	475	486
Mozufferpore	647	860	189	246
Balasore	808	937	215	265

On a reference to previous reports it will be seen that in 1886 there was a considerable increase in crime of this class, and that it has since been steadily decreasing. Hooghly, Chittagong, and Mymensingh show a still further decrease as compared with the figures for 1886 and 1887.

In Midnapore a larger number of persons were convicted in 1888 than in 1887, notwithstanding the falling-off in the number of cases; while in Tipperah the increase in the number of persons convicted was disproportionately small in comparison with the increase in the number of cases returned as true.

In Chumparun prosecutions for such offences seem to have been very unsuccessful, for out of 925 persons tried during the year only 184, or 19·8 per cent., were convicted.

The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
19. Murder	280	268	124	130
21. Culpable homicide . .	234	285	226	193
30. Grievous hurt . . .	940	958	815	819
31 & 34. Simple hurt and assault .	50,514	48,689	14,510	14,174
40. Rape	138	120	33	45

The number of persons brought to trial on charges of murder was greatest in the following districts:—Furreedpore (51), 24-Pergunnahs (35), Pubna and Tipperah (34 each), Manbhoom (30), Jessore (26), Khulna (25), and Rungpore (23). In Furreedpore only 6 out of the total number of persons tried during the year were convicted, one being sentenced to death; while in Pubna 11 persons were convicted, but in no case was a sentence of death passed. In Jessore the prosecutions were very unsuccessful, for the 25 persons who were tried during the year were all acquitted.

The largest number of cases of culpable homicide was reported from Dacca (60), Lohardugga (51), Pubna (40), Furreedpore (39), and Backergunge (38). The number of persons convicted was in Dacca (26), Lohardugga (8), Pubna (18), Furreedpore (19), and Backergunge (11).

21. The total number of offences against property, under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code, was 85,165 in the past, as compared with 82,825 in the previous year. All but 18 districts contribute to this result, the increase being most noticeable in the returns of the following :— Class VIII—Offences against property.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Bhaugulpore	1,654	2,180	456	751
Bogra	543	1,019	311	267
Monghyr	2,722	3,133	710	882
Furreedpore	1,502	1,804	467	450
Lohardugga	1,352	1,650	691	651
Cuttack	1,539	1,823	652	713
Pooree	1,192	1,448	479	530

There was also a slight increase in Rajshahye in respect of offences of criminal breach of trust, which is said to be due to the fact that Messrs. Watson and Co. prosecuted a number of paikars (brokers) for misappropriating portions of advances given for the supply of cocoons.

The decrease reported from the 18 districts referred to above was conspicuous in the two following only :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Dinagepore	2,333	1,791	503	494
Jessore	1,810	1,502	379	335

Details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class are given below :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property.	27,040	27,479	13,968	14,457
49—52. Dacoity	120	149	109	144
44—48. Robbery and extortion	698	752	224	270
61. House trespass and house-breaking.	18,996	20,122	1,977	2,216

22. Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code, relating to documents, trade or property marks, breaches of contract of service, marriage, defamation and criminal intimidation, and insult or annoyance increased from 7,685 in 1887 to 8,212 in 1888, as against the decrease reported in the year 1887. Twenty-five districts have contributed towards the increase, while the returns of only 17 districts including Calcutta show a decrease. The increase is most marked in the returns of the following districts :— Class IX—Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Burdwan	175	265	30	35
24-Pergunnahs	285	348	75	115
Furreedpore	124	173	13	21
Beerbhoom	51	88	11	27
Hooghly	122	157	19	34

The decrease, on the other hand, is conspicuous in three only of the 17 districts referred to above. They are :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Calcutta	690	626	110	75
Mymensingh	274	232	17	28
Cuttack	114	73	27	21

Even in these three districts the decrease is not very great.

Of the total number of persons tried for offences of this class, only 24·86 per cent. were convicted during the past year, as against 25·83 per cent. convicted during 1887. The worst results appear in Chittagong (9·7 per cent.), Bankura (12·5 per cent.), Mozufferpore (13·3 per cent.), Durbhangah (13·6 per cent.), Tipperah (14·2 per cent.), Shahabad (14·7 per cent.), Patna (14·7 per cent.), and Pubna (15·5 per cent.); while prosecutions were most successful in Gya (56·8 per cent.), Lohardugga (46·1 per cent.), and the 24-Pergunnahs (43·2 per cent.). In the remaining districts the percentage varied from 16·9 to 37·5, Calcutta returning 20·5 per cent. The percentages of convictions for these offences by Courts outside the Presidency during each of the past seven years were as follows:—

1882.	1883	1884.	1885.	1886	1887.	1888.
35·2	34·1	28·3	29·5	28·1	25·38	25·2

Class X—Offences against special laws.

23. The total number of offences against special laws was 104,784 in the past year, as compared with 92,276 in 1887, showing a still further increase. The following districts contributed most towards this increase:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
24-Pergunnahs . .	8,223	13,279	9,228	14,550
Calcutta . . .	35,655	39,003	31,707	38,327
Burdwan . . .	1,551	2,907	1,548	2,681
Howrah . . .	2,947	4,154	3,174	4,419
Bhaugulpore . . .	814	1,516	577	1,162
Chumparun . . .	657	1,222	297	780
Hooghly . . .	1,712	2,260	1,508	2,186
Mozufferpore . .	2,333	2,849	2,093	2,361
Sarun	1,280	1,622	1,170	1,430

On the other hand, a decrease is shown in the returns of 17 districts, which is most conspicuous in the following four:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888
Patna	5,043	4,067	4,760	4,208
Backergunge . .	2,067	1,560	4,007	2,581
Moorshedabad . .	1,202	758	993	546
Noakhally . . .	680	365	330	166

Details of offences under some of the more important special laws are given in the following table:—

	Cases returned as true		Persons convicted.	
	1887.	1888	1887	1888
Cattle Trespass Act .	6,270	6,742	1,500	1,452
Arms and Ammunition Act	1,332	1,516	1,249	1,427
Stamp Act . . .	874	954	812	914
Excise, Salt, and Opium Acts . . .	4,830	4,674	4,559	4,400
District Police Act . .	16,001	17,400	15,910	17,137
Town Police Acts . .	10,963	16,711	14,731	22,963
Municipal Acts (Mofussil)	9,915	12,426	9,147	11,583

The principal variations are to be found in offences under the Municipal and Police Acts.

24. The total number of persons tried during each of the past two years and the general results of criminal trials are given below :— Results of trials in all Courts. *Tables A 1 & B 1.*

	1887.	1888.
Acquitted or discharged	72,189	74,934
Convicted	148,553	166,004
Percentage convicted	67·2	68·8

There was a further increase in the percentage of persons convicted, as compared with the years 1885, 1886, and 1887.

Taking each class of offence separately, the proportion of convictions to persons tried was higher than that in 1887 in the case of offences under Chapters XI, XVII of the Indian Penal Code, and of offences under special and local laws, the increase being most marked in the 1st and 3rd heads. It was lower in respect of the other Chapters of the Penal Code, except Chapters VI and VII (under which head there was no variation), and was remarkably so in respect of offences under Chapters XII and XIII.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges was lowest in Calcutta (9·3 per cent.), the 24-Pergunnahs (17·4 per cent.), Darjeeling (21·6 per cent.), Howrah 24·1 per cent.), Durbhangah (28·3 per cent.), Patna (28·24 per cent.). With the exception of Howrah all the above districts returned very low proportions for the year 1887. The proportion was, on the other hand, highest in Purneah (53·3 per cent.), Chittagong (52·7 per cent.), Shahabad (51 per cent.), Chumparun (50·3 per cent.), Noakhally (49·7 per cent.), Jessore (48·8 per cent.), Rungpore and Manbhoom (48·3 per cent. respectively), and Pubna, Bogra, and Sarun (47·8, 47·2, and 47·3 respectively). In the remaining districts the proportion varied from 31·7 per cent. to 46·5 per cent.

25. The number of cases brought against European British subjects in the past year was 153 as compared with 194 in 1887, and 199 in 1886. Cases of this class were reported from 18 districts in the past, as compared with 21 districts in the previous year. Result of trials of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

Of the 153 cases brought to trial during the year, 149 were disposed of, 136 being tried by Magistrates and 2 by Sessions Judges, who were European British subjects, 6 by Native Magistrates in Howrah, and 5 by Native Magistrates in Burdwan.

The number of European British subjects under trial was 209 in the past, as compared with 242 in the previous year. The largest number of such trials were held, as in the two previous years, in Chittagong (89), Burdwan and the 24-Pergunnahs (25 each), and Darjeeling (20). In Chittagong there was no variation in the figures for the past two years, while the figures for the 24-Pergunnahs, Burdwan, and Darjeeling varied very slightly. In Howrah the number has fallen from 23 in 1887 to 10 in 1888. The Districts of Balasore, Pubna, Rungpore, Moorshedabad, Purneah, Nuddea, and Gya return one case each, and Sarun and Manbhoom two each.

The offences with which European British subjects were most commonly charged were, as in previous years, breaches of local and special laws (under which 111 were charged in 10 districts), criminal force and assault (under which 30 persons were charged in 10 districts), criminal trespass (under which 16 persons were charged in 7 districts, Chittagong alone contributing 8), and hurt (under which 10 persons were charged in 5 districts, Chittagong and Durbhangah contributing 4 and 3 respectively).

Of the 111 persons charged with offences under local and special laws, 73 are reported from Chittagong, against 72 in 1887, and 41 in 1886, 14 were reported from Burdwan, and 10 from the 24-Pergunnahs. No details as to the offences alleged to have been committed by the 73 persons reported from Chittagong have been given in the report of the Magistrate of that district.

The remaining persons reported from the other districts were charged, with but one exception, with minor offences under the Penal Code.

Of the persons tried during the year, 133, or 64·8 per cent., were convicted. The corresponding percentage for 1887 was 70·1, for 1886, 71, and for 1885, 78·7.

None of those tried during the year claimed to be tried by a Jury or by Assessors of special nationalities.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. Chapter VI C & Section 485. *Statement 3. Table F.*

26. The number of witnesses against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter VI C and Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for refusing to answer questions or to produce documents was 18 in the past, as compared with 26 in the previous year, and 78 in 1886. All those against whom proceedings were taken in 1888 were convicted. Such proceedings were instituted in nine districts only.

Chapter VIII— (1) Proceedings to prevent a breach of the peace.

27. The number of persons against whom proceedings were taken in each of the years 1887 and 1888 under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (relating to the prevention of breaches of the peace) is thus returned —

	1887.	1888.
Total number of cases on the files	2,935	2,564
„ number of persons concerned . . .	11,780	10,868
Number of persons required to find sureties . .	3,287	2,858
„ of persons required to give recognizance to keep the peace	3,826	3,758

Of the 6,616 persons required to give security to keep the peace, 1,083 persons were bound over after having been convicted of offences involving a breach. These powers continue to be freely exercised in Backergunge and Furreedpore as in previous years. In Backergunge, however, there was a very considerable decrease as compared with the returns for 1887 and the years preceding that year, while on the other hand the number of persons bound down in Furreedpore was nearly three times as great as in 1887, and was also in excess of the number returned during the three preceding years. It was, however, not so large as in 1883. The number of persons required to find sureties or to give recognizance in these two districts during the past six years are given below—

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge .	4,961	4,559	3,738	3,710	3,472	1,903
Furreedpore .	3,060	506	297	508	264	717

As in the previous two years, such proceedings were also freely resorted to in Tipperah, where 443 persons were bound down, Mymensingh (270), Dacca (268), and Khulna (176). They were also freely resorted to in Midnapore, where 312 persons were bound down, Sarun (205), Monghyr (189), and the 24-Pergunnahs (200). In Dacca the number decreased from 315 to 268 as against the increase reported in 1887; while in Tipperah and Midnapore there was a considerable increase from 189 to 443 in the former, and from 118 to 312 in the latter district. In the report for 1887 it was stated that there was a marked increase in the 24-Pergunnahs in the number of persons bound down as compared with the previous year. The return for the past year shows that the number has decreased from 423 to only 200.

As in previous years, such proceedings were seldom instituted in Singbhoom, Julpaiguri, Balasore, Hazareebagh, and Darjeeling. In the two last named districts none of the persons proceeded against were bound down, while in Balasore only one was so bound. In Pooree also such proceedings were rare.

28. The following statement shows the number of proceedings taken under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Security for good behaviour) :— (2) Security for good behaviour.

	1887.	1888.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,581	1,885
Total number of persons concerned	1,604	2,004
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour	1,002	1,211
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour	875	1,013

Of the 1,013 persons imprisoned in default of furnishing security, 24 were sentenced by order of a Court of Session under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to periods between one and three years, and 11 for shorter periods.

The remainder were imprisoned for shorter periods by the order of Magistrates.

The largest number of persons required to give security for good behaviour was reported from Dinagepore (99), Backergunge (97), Sarun (96), Mymensingh (94), Monghyr (73), Gya (63), Shahabad and the 24-Pergunnahs (62 each), and Mozufferpore (54); and the smallest number from Beerbhoom (1), Pooree (2), Chittagong, Cuttack, Bogra, and Maldah (3 each), and Balasore and Julpaiguri (4 each).

On comparing the returns under review with those for the previous year, a decrease in the number of persons required to give security for good behaviour appears in only 15 districts, the most marked being in Purneah, where the number fell from 68 to 9, and Backergunge from 137 to 97. On the other hand, a considerable increase appears in the returns from Dinagepore (from 29 to 99), Durbhangah (from 11 to 48), Shahabad (from 27 to 62), Mozufferpore (from 26 to 54), and Mymensingh (from 70 to 94).

The Magistrate of Dinagepore reports that "these proceedings have been undertaken under close supervision and in localities where serious crime is so prevalent as to render them necessary. Most of the cases were decided in or near the village of the defendants."

29. Proceedings for the suppression of nuisances (Chapter X of the Code of Criminal Procedure) were taken in 636 cases, as compared with 453 cases in 1887. The following districts returned the largest number of such cases:— Durbhangah (152), Shahabad (120), and Noakhally (86). In 14 districts, including Calcutta, no such proceedings were taken. In Shahabad, such cases increased from 30 in 1887 to 120 in 1888, and in Noakhally from 30 to 86. Both these districts showed a decrease in the return for 1887. In Durbhangah 152 such proceedings were taken during the past year against none for the preceding year; but in all these cases, the orders passed were favourable to the 152 persons concerned. The orders passed during the past year were favourable to 376 persons and unfavourable to 568 persons. The corresponding figures for 1887 were 184 and 672. Thirty-six cases were referred to Juries under Section 138 of the Code, in all of which the Juries confirmed or very slightly modified the orders of the Magistrates. Chapter X—Nuisance.

30. The number of cases regarding possession of land (Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure) decided by Magistrates was 376 in the past, as compared with 380 in the previous year. Cases of this nature were most numerous in Monghyr (37), Patna (31), Shahabad (30), Sarun (24), Tipperah (21), and Lohardugga (20). No such proceedings were instituted in Calcutta and Howrah; while they were rare in Beerbhoom, Cuttack, Pooree, Balasore, Dinagepore, Jessore, Bogra, Julpaiguri, and Hazareebagh. On a comparison with the returns for 1887, a marked increase in the number of such cases appears in the returns Chapter XII—Possession Cases.

from Tipperah (from 2 to 21), Patna (from 16 to 31), and Gya from (1 to 16). On the other hand, a marked decrease appears in the returns from Manbhoom (from 25 to 9), Backergunge (from 27 to 13), Monghyr (from 50 to 37), and Mymensingh (from 28 to 17).

Chapter XX, Section 250.

31. The number of persons whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious was 758 in the past, as compared with 881 in the previous year. The amount of compensation awarded to accused parties was R9,189 in 1888, as compared with R7,887 in 1887, and R11,650 in 1886. Such orders were most numerous in Sarun (86), Calcutta (48), the 24-Pergunnahs (40), Chumparun (37), and Mymensingh (36). The decrease in the number of such orders is apparent in the returns from Julpaiguri (from 29 to 5), Calcutta (from 71 to 48), Monghyr (from 44 to 22), and Furreedpore (from 29 to 7). As in 1887, no such orders were passed in Maldah during 1888; while they were rare in Bogra and Bankura (2 each), and Singbhoom (3).

Chapter XXIII, Section 332.

32. The number of jurors and assessors who rendered themselves liable to fine for non-attendance (Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure) was 62 in the past, as compared with 54 in the previous year. The 62 jurors and assessors in question are reported from only 13 districts in the Province, the largest being reported from Nuddea (19), Midnapore (12), and Hooghly (7). In the first-named district, the number increased from 14; while in Midnapore no jurors or assessors rendered themselves liable to fine during 1887. In the last-named district it has decreased from 12, and in Mymensingh the number has decreased from 17 to 3. Twenty-three jurors and assessors were fined during the year, 5 being shown in each of the Districts of Midnapore and Patna.

Chapter XXXVI —Maintenance Cases.

33. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 928 persons, but of these only 402 were required to pay maintenance. The corresponding figures for 1887 were 836 and 371. The districts in which the largest number of such cases occurred are, as in previous years, Calcutta (263), 24-Pergunnahs (103), Hooghly (45), and Midnapore (33). A large number is also reported from Nuddea (40) and Mymensingh (38). Proceedings of this class were taken in all the districts in the Province except Pooree. Few of such proceedings were taken in Balasore, Mozufferpore, Bhaugulpore, Lohardugga, and Purneah (1 only in each). The proceedings in Bhaugulpore and Lohardugga were unsuccessful; while those at Purneah had not terminated at the close of the year. Two unsuccessful applications were also made in each of the Districts of Maldah and Julpaiguri. The number of such proceedings increased in Calcutta (from 228 to 263), Mymensingh (from 23 to 38), Nuddea (from 26 to 40), the 24-Pergunnahs (from 81 to 103), and Burdwan (from 29 to 40). The return from Dacca, on the other hand, shows a decrease from 32 to 18, as against the increase reported in 1887.

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34. Orders for the forfeiture of bail or recognizance were passed in the cases of 1,343 persons in 1888, as compared with 1,198 persons in the previous year. Such orders were passed in all the districts in the Province, and were most numerous in Midnapore (116), Mymensingh (87), Pubna (83), Manbhoom (75), Lohardugga (59), Monghyr (58), Howrah (53), Backergunge (52), and Bhaugulpore (50). On the other hand, they were rare in Maldah (3), Singbhoom (4), Purneah (6), and Chittagong (8). In Singbhoom no such orders were passed during 1887. On a comparison with the returns for 1887, there was an increase in the number of orders of this class in Midnapore (from 50 to 116), Manbhoom (from 34 to 75), Pubna (from 46 to 83), Nuddea (from 6 to 41), Backergunge (from 29 to 52), and Howrah (from 31 to 53); while there was a falling off in Dacca (from 64 to 12), Khulna (from 54 to 28), Burdwan (from 52 to 28), and Chittagong (from 29 to 8).

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III.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court. *Statement 4.*

35. Including 6 cases pending trial at the close of 1887, there were 52 cases before the High Court in the exercise of its Original Criminal Jurisdiction. Of these, 49 cases were tried during the year, and three remained over at its close. These cases were all committed by the Presidency Magistrates. The case of the European British subject committed in 1887 on a charge of murder by the Cantonment Magistrate of Barrackpore could not be tried during the year as the accused continued to be of unsound mind and incapable of making his defence. Another person, who claimed to be a European British subject, was committed to the High Court in 1888 by the Judicial Commissioner of Chota-Nagpore. The case was, however, referred back to the Judicial Commissioner, as the High Court held that the accused had failed to prove that he was a European British subject. He was tried and convicted by the Judicial Commissioner under Section 314 of the Indian Penal Code. Altogether 81 persons were under trial in these 54 cases, of whom 48 were convicted and 28 were acquitted or discharged. The number of witnesses examined was 442, and the average pendency of the cases from commitment to verdict was 27·7 days. The corresponding figures for 1887 were 474 and 26 respectively.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of commitments, &c. *Table E.*

36. The following statement shows the number of cases committed to the Courts of Session, or referred under Sections 31, 34, or 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the number decided by such Courts during each of the past two years, and the number remaining under trial at the close of each of those years respectively :—

	Committed or referred for trial.	Tried.	Untried, pending.
1887	1,548	1,525	228
1888	1,628	1,614	221

Compared with the returns for 1886, there was a considerable increase in the amount of original work before the Courts of Session during the past two years. The number pending at the close of the year was 221, as against 228 at the close of 1887. The returns show that the trials have been regularly held by the Courts, and that the accused have not been unnecessarily detained awaiting trial.

Taking each district separately, the increase in the number of cases committed or referred to the Sessions was most marked in the following :—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
Chittagong	20	42	22
Mymensingh	75	93	18
Balasore	8	26	18
24-Pergunnahs	90	106	16
Pubna	32	47	15
Khulna	28	43	15
Gya	46	59	13
Hazareebagh	21	33	12
Chumparun	25	36	11

The following districts, on the other hand, showed a considerable decrease :—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
Hooghly	40	23	17
Howrah	28	11	17
Lohardugga	47	34	13

No explanation for the increase in commitments is given; but in many districts it seems that cases were committed which might have been tried by the Magistrates.

Average duration of cases.

37. The average duration of cases under trial before the Courts of Session was 47·9 days in the past, as compared with 47·1 days in the previous year. The averages are most remarkable in the following Courts :—

	Days.	
	1887.	1888.
Dacca	44·	99·
Julpaiguri	33·7	89·5
Poorce	77·1	72·
Hazareebagh	72·2	63·1
Balasore	58·	61·9
Cuttack	56·6	60·4
Singbhoom	58·4	58·7
Bankura	45·2	25·
Howrah	32·3	31·5
24-Pergunnahs	32·4	32··
Rajshahye	38·4	34·1
Bogra	54·2	34·9
Monghyr	44·4	35·6

The Sessions Judge explains the increase in the District of Dacca as due to the fact that an insane prisoner, whose case had been pending since 1881, was in 1888 reported fit to take his trial, and his case was disposed of. Omitting this case the average duration was 42 days.

The large increase in Julpaiguri is not explained. In this district, as in those mentioned below it, except Cuttack, there is no resident Sessions Judge.

Number of persons under trial. *Table G.*

Remaining at the end of 1887	384
Persons whose cases were transferred from another Court	6
Persons received on commitment or reference, or on remand for re-trial	3,064
Total	3,454

38. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,454 in the past, as compared with 3,155 in the previous year, and 3,109 in 1886. The increase in the number of cases was, as has been previously shown, 80.

More than 100 persons were under trial in each of the following Courts of Session :—

Mymensingh	222
24-Pergunnahs	184
Patna	173
Furreedpore	169
Pubna	155
Backergunge	143
Dinagepore	125
Midnapore	114
Gya	112
Dacca	102

Excepting Midnapore and Dacca all these districts show an increase on the figures for the preceding year.

In Mymensingh, the 24-Pergunnahs, Pubna, and Gya there was, as is previously shown, an increase in the number of cases committed.

Results of trials.

39. The following statement shows the result of trials before the Courts of Session in 1887 and 1888, and also as regards persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under Sections 307 and 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure :—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1887	1,156	1,566	57·5
1888	1,292	1,635	56·3

Including cases in which sentence of death was passed subject to confirmation by the High Court, 56·3 per cent. of those tried were convicted by the

Courts of Session. The following are the districts in which the largest proportions of convictions were obtained :—

	Per cent.
Darjeeling	78·9
Chittagong	76 3
Tipperah	72·9
Gya	71·2
Mymensingh	70·7
Shahabad	70·6
Chumparun	69·8

On the other hand, the proportion was low in the following districts :—

	Per cent.
Moorshedabad	23·8
Beerbhoom	29·
Maldah	35·7
Jessore	37·1
Singbhoom	37·5
Khulna	39·
Patna	42·7

The low percentage of convictions in Moorshedabad is attributed by the Sessions Judge to the fact that some of the cases committed by the Magistrates were weak, and not sufficiently supported by evidence; while in others, there was no evidence worthy of the name, and the cases ought not to have been committed. The Sessions Judge of Beerbhoom reports that the results of the Sessions trials of Beerbhoom cases are not creditable to the committing officers; but he adds that it is only fair to them as a body to point out that this is due mainly to the action of one of their body. In connection with this subject he writes as follows :—

"I have never scrupled to avow that 1st class magisterial work seems to me to be steadily deteriorating. To some extent this may be due to the smaller share of it taken by Covenanted officers. In the Beerbhoom district there was no Covenanted officer during 1888 except the District Magistrate, who tried one case. But mainly I attribute it to the existing system, under which the Judge, who knows the work of each Magistrate by heart, is not permitted to report upon it, and is divested of all direct control, while the reporting and controlling officer is one who cannot possibly have any intimate acquaintance with the facts."

He further points out that when an accused has confessed before the Magistrate, efforts to substantiate the charge against him otherwise are relaxed, with the result that when the confession is, as is usual, withdrawn at the trial, the case against him fails from want of other sufficient evidence. The present system of confining accused persons who have confessed, with the other persons then under trial before the Courts, is suggested as leading to the subsequent withdrawal of confessions.

The Sessions Judge of Rajshahye in an exceedingly brief report makes the following remarks on this subject :—

"The results of Sessions trials and appeals are more satisfactory than last year; but I still find that the Lower Courts often fail to understand the points which must be proved."

The Sessions Judge of Jessore attributes the ill success in that division to the careless and perfunctory way in which cases are enquired into previous to commitment, and to the fact that commitments are often made by the Magistrates to evade responsibility. In Patna the low percentage of convictions is also attributed to a failure on the part of the Magistrate properly to sift the evidence, and test the truth of the charges before commitment.

Similarly, unfavourable remarks have been received from Bankura, Chittagong, Dinagepore, and Tipperah, in which districts several cases are said to have been injudiciously committed, some being cases which the Magistrates themselves could have dealt with.

The Sessions Judges in all these districts have been directed to communicate to the District Magistrate, if they have not already done so, their remarks with regard to the special cases referred to, in order that the attention of the committing officers may be directed to the errors thus brought to notice.

In Midnapore and Burdwan, the District Magistrates seem themselves to have carefully supervised the commitment of cases to the Sessions Court, and though in the former district perhaps too much seems to have been done to interfere with the discretion of the committing Magistrates, it is desirable that District Magistrates should exercise a more careful supervision in this respect over the work of the Magistrates subordinate to them.

Number of witnesses examined. *Tables J. and K.*

40. Twenty thousand three hundred and eighty-six witnesses were in attendance before the Courts of Session in the past, as compared with 18,045 in the previous year. The number examined was 12,669 against 11,478 in 1887. The number of days during which the 20,386 witnesses in attendance during 1888 were detained is shown in the margin. The number of witnesses discharged without examination was considerably in excess of the number reported in the preceding year, the figures being 7,717 in the past year as against 6,567 in 1887.

Discharged on the 1st day . .	10,925
„ „ 2nd „ . .	4,727
„ „ 3rd „ . .	2,106
„ after the 3rd „ . .	2,628
	20,386

The districts in which the greatest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days were—

Furreedpore	727
Patna	298
Pubna	270
Backergunge	174
Dacca	135
Mymensingh	124
Balasore	102

The figures for the Court of Session at Furreedpore more than doubled those for 1887, and are very much in excess of those for 1886, when only 55 witnesses were detained for more than three days. The explanation furnished for the detentions in this Court cannot be regarded as satisfactory. If sufficient time had not been allowed for the duration of trials, the Sessions Judge could, in communication with the District Magistrate, have arranged some improvement. A return, which shows that out of 1,205 witnesses in attendance, only 180 were discharged on the first day and 727 detained for periods exceeding three days, indicates a very unsatisfactory system, which cannot but have caused much inconvenience to the persons compelled to attend the Court of Session.

In Patna the detentions are said to have been due to twelve trials having lasted more than three days. This however fails to account satisfactorily for the fact that out of 982 witnesses in attendance, only 274 were discharged on the first day.

Out of 845 witnesses who attended before the Sessions Court at Pubna, only 236 were discharged on the first day, and as many as 270 were detained for more than three days. The explanations given do not sufficiently account for these unsatisfactory results.

The detentions in the other districts are not satisfactorily explained; and it seems probable that they could have been avoided, if, in fixing dates of trial, sufficient attention had been paid beforehand to the probable duration of the cases.

No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Session at Monghyr, Bhaugulpore, Hooghly, Jessore, Khulna, Midnapore, and

Mozufferpore; while none were kept in attendance beyond the second day in the Courts at Darjeeling, Howrah, Durbhangah, and Singbhoom. In Burdwan a few witnesses only are shown to have been detained for more than three days.

The explanations furnished by the Sessions Judges regarding the long detention of witnesses have been considered by the Court, and necessary orders and instructions have been communicated where necessary.

In Patna, it is to be noticed that out of 556 witnesses examined, 42 only were for the defence, 300 witnesses cited for the defence having been sent away unexamined. Regarding this, the Sessions Judge remarks:

"It is now seldom, in cases in which the prisoners are defended, that witnesses are examined on their behalf; the object being to preserve the right of reply. The line of defence is to break down the witnesses for the prosecution, and to show that they have made contradictory statements at the different stages of the enquiry. When this has been protracted, owing to successive investigations by different police officers, the police diaries afford easy means of accomplishing this. Where there has been delay in the trial, as often happens where the accused have absconded, the records of the trials of other accused in the same case, and previously decided, afford further facilities for the purpose."

41. The amount of diet money, &c., paid to witnesses in the Courts of Session was R15,658 in the past, as compared with R12,472 in the previous year, and this increase, as stated in the report for the year 1887, is probably due to the larger number of witnesses in attendance during the year under report. Diet Money.

The increase is most conspicuous in the returns of the Courts in the following districts:—

	Amount paid as expenses.		
	1887.	1888.	Increase.
	R	R	R
Gya	166	677	511
Pooree	97	454	357
Balasore	131	460	329
24-Pergunnahs	427	730	303
Midnapore	641	934	293
Bhaugulpore	493	749	256
Backergunge	372	608	236

The returns of two districts only show a marked decrease in the amount of witnesses' expenses in the following Courts:—

	Amount paid as expenses.		
	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
	R	R	R
Jessore	567	210	357
Darjeeling	379	177	202

The increase seems to be mainly due to the issue of Government Circular No. 43 J., dated 8th September 1887, which directs the payment of the expenses of officers of the Police and other Departments, by the Courts before which they are summoned to give evidence, in supersession of the previous practice, according to which they were paid by the Departments to which they belonged. In Gya the increase is reported to have been also partly due to a case which was transferred by the High Court from Patna to Gya, in which a large number of witnesses had to be brought twice over from Patna, and as some of these were professional men, special allowances had to be given to them in addition to their actual travelling expenses.

42. The districts in which trials by Jury were held, and the offences which were so triable, remained the same as in previous years. The number of such trials was 305 in the past, as compared with 339 in the previous year. In these 305 cases, the Sessions Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury in 240 cases, disapproved of it wholly in 39 cases and partially in 26 cases. In 23 cases Jury trials. *Statement 7.*

only did the Sessions Judge disagree with the verdicts so completely as to consider it necessary for the ends of justice to submit the cases to the High Court as a Court of Reference. As in previous years, this matter is mentioned in connection with proceedings before the High Court. On this subject the Sessions Judge of Dacca makes the following observations:—

"From a careful examination of the Sessions statements as regards the verdicts of the Jury, I find no less than 8 cases in which the Judge completely dissented from the verdict, and 7 in which the Judge partially dissented. I include in the former category cases where prisoners have been convicted on minor charges, when, in my opinion, they should have been found guilty of a graver offence. In one case, a verdict under Section 334 was given, when the conviction should have been under Section 323; in another, the conviction was under Section 323 when it should have been under Section 376, and in a third, under Section 325 instead of Section 307. The 8 cases of partial dissent affect as a rule one only of the prisoners charged."

The Sessions Judge adds that the failures of justice in the Jury trials were, as is usually the case, most marked in crimes against the person.

Trial by Assessors.

43. The number of trials held with the aid of Assessors was 1,157 in the past, as compared with 1,064 held in the previous year. In 851 cases, the Sessions Judge concurred with the opinions of both the Assessors. In 137 cases, he differed from the opinion of one, and in 169 cases, from the opinion of both of the Assessors.

On the subject of the employment of Assessors, the Sessions Judge of Bankura reports as follows:—

"There is generally a disinclination on the part of the people here to act as Assessors; but when they are made to sit, they appear to take much interest in discharging their duty. Before the passing of the Procedure Code of 1882 the radius of the area of selection of the Assessors did not extend beyond 15 miles. Under Section 319, that radius now extends up to the furthest limits of the district. This was felt by the people who lived in remote parts of the district as a great hardship. In consultation with the Collector, the Government was asked to mitigate the rigor of the rule in the exercise of the power vested in it by clause (*k*), Section 320 of the Procedure Code in respect of persons living beyond 40 miles, and a number of persons, who would otherwise have been liable to serve as Assessors, have been exempted; but the remedy thus afforded does not appear to have been enough for a district like this where there is not much facility for locomotion and where the people generally are poor. It would be regarded as a great boon if provision could be made for the payment of the travelling expenses of the Assessors."

The Sessions Judge of Gya also reports that service of Assessors seems to be very unpopular with the independent persons on the list, especially those of some social position, as the selection is, as a rule, made from among the pleaders and mukhtyars practising in the Courts in the district. The Sessions Judge adds that he has had occasion to call the attention of the District Magistrate to the very large proportion of instances in which the summons to independent Assessors are returned unserved.

The alteration in the law, effected by the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1882, in taking away the power to limit the area of residence for persons liable to serve as Jurors or Assessors, and making it unreservedly conterminous with the district, has been a grievance with those who reside at considerable distances from the Sessions Court.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases brought to trial, determined and pending *Table E.*

44. The statement given in the margin shows the number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past two years. As in previous years, cases instituted under Section 347 of the Calcutta Municipal Act

	1887	1888
Brought to trial . .	33,966	39,035
Determined . . .	33,941	39,038
Pending . . .	50	43

before Justices of the Peace have not been included, as no returns of such cases are made to the High Court.

The figures for 1888 show that there was a considerable increase in the work before the Presidency Magistrates, and a similar increase in the number of cases disposed of by them. The number of cases shown as pending at the end of the year was 43 against 50 at the end of 1887. The returns for the past year show that some of the Unpaid Presidency Magistrates have, for the first time, dealt with Criminal business sitting singly, and their work thus done is shown separately below.

45. The figures on the margin show the relative number of cases decided respectively by Stipendiary Magistrates, Presidency Magistrates sitting singly, and by Benches of Magistrates. As in the past two years, the larger portion of the work was done by the Stipendiary Magistrates, while the Benches of Magistrates have done less work than they did during the preceding four years. As stated above, Unpaid Presidency Magistrates have, for the first time, tried Criminal cases sitting singly and disposed of 474 cases.

	Number of cases decided	
	1887.	1888.
By Stipendiary Magistrates.	23,716	28,802
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly.	..	474
By Benches of Magistrates .	10,225	9,762

46. The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 54,124 in the past, as compared with 45,397 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons tried during the year under review, 4,954 were either acquitted or discharged, 49,035 were convicted, 5 were transferred to other districts and 1 to the Bombay Presidency, while 70 were committed to the Sessions. Fifty-nine persons remained under trial at the close of the year. Results of trials. *Table H.*

The result of trials before each class of tribunals during the year is shown below:—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of conviction.
Stipendiary Magistrates . . .	2,291	40,671	94·6
Presidency Magistrates sitting singly .	179	506	73·8
Benches of Magistrates . . .	2,484	7,858	75·9
TOTAL .	4,954	49,035	90 8

The percentage of convictions on the whole was only ·3 in excess of that for 1887, but the proportion for Benches is lower by 6 per cent. as compared with that year, while the proportion for Stipendiary Magistrates is in excess by 1·4 per cent.

VI.—COURTS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENCY TOWN.

47. The following table shows the number of cases brought to trial and disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates in the Mofussil during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining undisposed of at the close of each of those years respectively:— Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of and pending, 1887 and 1888, in the Mofussil. *Table E.*

	Brought to trial	Disposed of.	Pending
1887	121,162	121,082	3,345
1888	131,417	130,866	3,730

In 1887 there was a decrease under all three heads as compared with the returns of 1886, while in the past year there was, on the other hand, an increase under all three heads.

The following statement shows in detail the amount of work done by paid and unpaid Magistrates, and the number employed during the past two years:—

	Cases.
In 1887, 384 Stipendiary Magistrates disposed of . . .	91,509
In 1888, 380 Ditto ditto ditto . . .	97,513
In 1887, 1,673 Honorary ditto ditto . . .	29,573
In 1888, 1,647 Ditto ditto ditto . . .	33,353

Taking each district separately, there was a marked increase in the number of cases brought to trial in Magistrates' Courts in the following districts:—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
24-Pergunnahs	12,140	17,425	5,285
Burdwan	3,348	4,675	1,327
Howrah	4,673	5,853	1,180
Bhaugulpore	1,968	3,032	1,064
Sarun	3,990	4,624	634
Chumparun	2,314	2,850	536
Hooghly	3,813	4,349	536
Manbhoom	1,440	1,882	442
Khulna	1,446	1,854	408
Rajshahye	1,588	1,966	378
Hazaricebagh	1,255	1,602	347

On the other hand, a decrease appears in the returns from 17 districts only, the most marked being observed in the return of the following 5, *viz.*:—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
Patna	6,408	5,565	843
Pooree	2,146	1,667	479
Darjeeling	2,075	1,694	381
Noakhally	1,876	1,554	322
Moorshedabad	2,827	2,466	361

These variations, in most instances, are the results of increase or decrease in the number of prosecutions under local and special laws, and depend considerably on the executive action taken by the local authorities.

Distribution of business. *Statement 4.*

48. The number of cases tried by the Magistrates and Benches of the several grades during each of the past two years by the ordinary and by summary procedure are given below:—

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.
Special Magistrates	72	33	9	...
Honorary „	1,292	1,235	39	525
Stipendiary „	72,005	77,898	17,766	17,925
Benches of „	8,400	12,361	19,761	19,199
District „	1,118	1,003	512	536
TOTAL	82,887	92,530	38,087	38,185

References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

49. Besides the cases so shown, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 151 cases, referred to them by Subordinate Magistrates under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The corresponding number for 1887 was 108, for 1886 it was 183, and for 1885, 409.

Amount of work done by District Magistrates.

50. The number of Criminal cases decided by the District Magistrates in judicial capacity during each of the past two years is given below:—

	Number of cases tried.	
	1887.	1888.
Cases referred under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	108	151
Cases dealt with under ordinary powers	1,623	1,512
Cases dealt with under special powers under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	7	27
TOTAL	1,738	1,690

There was a slight decrease in the amount of work done by District Magistrates as Courts of original jurisdiction as compared with the number of

cases tried during 1887. The amount returned is, however, in excess of that of any year since 1884.

The largest number of cases were tried by the District Magistrates of Khulna (281), Singbhoom (154), Hazareebagh (97), Sarun (83), Maldah (78), and Backergunge (70), and the smallest numbers by the District Magistrates of Burdwan and Durbhangah (2 each), Hooghly (3), Darjeeling and Moorshedabad (4 each), Monghyr and Bankura (6 each), Beerbhoom and Midnapore (8 each), and Chittagong and Noakhally (9 each); while the District Magistrates of Chumparun and the 24-Pergunnahs did no original work during the year. The last named officer did no original work during the preceding year also. In 1886 he disposed of one case, while in 1884 and 1885 he tried no original cases. The District Magistrate of Chumparun disposed of 134 original cases during 1887.

Cases dealt with under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

51. The number of cases decided by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of the special powers conferred on them by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 27 in the past, as compared with 7 in the previous year. These 27 cases were so tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts noted on the margin. Of those on the file of the Deputy Commissioner of Hazareebagh one remained undecided at the close of the year. Nine of those disposed of during the year were referred to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentences of imprisonment for terms exceeding three years. Eight of these were disposed of, and one sentence remained unconfirmed at the close of the year. No such references were made to the Courts of Session during 1887.

Hazareebagh	18
Darjeeling	4
Manbhoom	4
Singbhoom	1
	27

Average duration of cases.

52. The following table shows the average duration of cases decided during the past two years by the several classes of Magistrates:—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	
	1887.	1888.
Special and Honorary Magistrates	7·8	8·7
Benches of Magistrates	5·	5·1
Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates	12·4	14·3
District Magistrates	5·5	9·9
All Magistrates in the interior	10·5	10·2

The worst results are shown in the returns of the Benches of Magistrates of Balasore, Furreedpore, Bankura, Cuttack, and Monghyr, the average duration of cases in those districts being 18·4, 17·3, 16·8 (for Bankura and Cuttack), and 15·7. These results are, however, more satisfactory than the results for 1887. The duration in the Court of Stipendiary Magistrates, other than District Magistrates, was longest in Furreedpore (25·1), Khulna (24·6), Dinagepore (23·2), and Pubna (22·4). In the Courts of District Magistrates the worst results appear in the returns of Beerbhoom (35·6 days), Tipperah (29·9 days), and Darjeeling (25 days).

Number of persons under trial. *Table H.*

53. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the districts was 194,369* in the past, as compared with 182,041 in the previous year, showing a considerable increase. On the margin details are given of the manner in which these persons were brought to trial. The increase referred to above consists almost entirely of persons sent in under arrest by the Police and of those who appeared upon summons.

Under arrest by Police	87,597
Upon warrant	13,502
On summons	83,528
Voluntarily	3,261

Total number of persons tried and with what results.

54. Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred" and persons who died, escaped or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided during the past year was 183,880. Of these, 115,245, or 62·5 per cent.,

* These figures include remanets from the previous year and double entries in some cases, *e.g.*, of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment, persons transferred from one district to another, &c.

were convicted, and 37·5 were acquitted or discharged. The percentage of convictions was highest in the following districts :—

	Percentage.
24-Pergunnahs	82·8
Darjeeling	78·3
Howrah	75·7
Patna	72·3
Durbhangah	71·9
Gya	68·3
Mozufferpore	66·
Hooghly	65·9
Burdwan	65·6
Nuddea	65·5
Hazareebagh	64·7

and it was lowest in the following districts :—

	Percentage convicted.
Chittagong	46·8
Purneah	47·3
Shahabad	48·7
Chumparun	49·3
Noakhally	50·3
Jessore	51·5
Rungpore	51·6
Manbhoom	51·6
Pubna	52·4
Sarun	52·7
Bogra	52·8

The general result of trials before the Magistrates of each class is given below :—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	22	49	69·
Honorary „	717	1,633	69·4
Stipendiary „	55,406	86,387	60·9
Benches of „	11,702	25,588	68·6
District „	788	1,588	66·8

It will be observed on a comparison with the corresponding statement given in the report for 1887 that the percentage of convictions was lower in cases tried by Benches of Magistrates and by District Magistrates, while it was considerably higher in cases tried by Special Magistrates and Honorary Magistrates.

Trials—regular, summary; sentences appealable, non-appealable.

55. The mode of trial and the nature of the sentences passed in the case of persons convicted are shown in the following table :—,

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Sentences appealable	43,912	10,442
„ not appealable	31,207	29,684

On a comparison with the statement given in the report for 1887, it will be observed that the increase in the number of convictions is general under all four heads.

The number of persons convicted on summary trial by the various classes of tribunals is thus returned :—

Honorary and Special Magistrates	486
Stipendiary Magistrates	20,136
Benches of „	18,858
District „	646

Details of persons awaiting trial. *Table I.*

56. Excluding lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial before Magistrates at the close of 1888 was 6,648, as compared with 5,980 at the close of 1887, and 5,817 at the close of 1886.

Details are given on the margin, showing the manner in which the attendance of the persons awaiting trial at the close of 1888 was secured. Excluding the cases of lunatics, the duration of the pending trials is thus shown :—

In custody	769
On bail	5,145
On recognizance	644
Otherwise	90

More than 6 months	1
„ 3 „	36
„ 2 „	273
„ 1 month	1,079
Not exceeding 1 month	5,259

Although a larger number of persons was under trial at the close of the past than at the close of the preceding year, the figures given above compare favourably with those given in the report for 1887, for only 37 persons were under trial for more than three months, against 67 under trial for that period at the close of 1887. The person under trial for more than six months is reported from Darjeeling, while the 36 persons shown to have been under trial for more than three months are :—Furreedpore (6), Gya (4), Balasore, Chittagong, Pubna and Chumparun (3 each), and Backergunge, Bhaugulpore, Burdwan, Bankura, Dacca, Darjeeling, Jessore, Khulna, Purneah, Shahabad, Durbhangah, and the 24-Pergunnahs (1 each). The largest number of persons under trial for periods between two and three months are reported from Sarun (28), Dacca (27), Pubna and Durbhangah (26 each), and Mozufferpore (24). The cases of the two persons shown as pending for more than three and six months respectively in Darjeeling could not be disposed of earlier in consequence of the absence of an important witness in the first case, and of the defendant in the second case, who was with the Sikkim Field Force, and could not be spared by the Military Authorities. The case of the 3 persons under trial for more than three months in Balasore was one in which the Deputy Collector sanctioned their prosecution under Section 195, Criminal Procedure Code, for an offence under Section 174 of the Indian Penal Code. The case was made over to the Sub-Deputy Magistrate of Bhadruck for trial, and the reason given for the delay is, that the accused appealed to the Judge of Cuttack against the order for their prosecution, who stayed further proceedings. Since the close of the year, it has been ascertained that the appeal was transferred to the Collector of Balasore who revoked the order of the Deputy Collector.

The explanations submitted for the delay in the disposal of the long pending cases have been separately considered by the High Court on receipt of the monthly returns, and orders communicated to the Magistrates concerned.

Number of witnesses examined. *Table J.*

57. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts was 416,354 in the past, as compared with 403,641 in the previous year, and 413,845 in 1886. The increase in 1888 is most conspicuous in the returns from the following districts :—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
Midnapore	11,491	15,116	3,625
Patna	10,459	12,739	2,280
Hazareebagh	4,949	7,222	2,273
Rajshahye	7,794	9,876	2,082
Manbhoom	6,951	8,918	1,967
Bhaugulpore	8,651	10,473	1,822
24-Pergunnahs	22,675	24,439	1,764
Jessore	10,419	11,915	1,496
Hooghly	11,987	13,424	1,437
Shahabad	11,747	12,991	1,244
Chumparun	6,861	7,960	1,099
Pubna	8,853	9,920	1,067

On the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the number of witnesses examined in the following districts :—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
Dacca	14,999	13,167	1,832
Moorshedabad	11,425	9,681	1,744
Purneah	7,468	5,948	1,520
Chittagong	8,537	7,133	1,404
Howrah	10,139	8,863	1,276
Noakhally	8,229	7,205	1,024

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 141,902 in the past year, as compared with 130,242 in 1887, and 124,449 in 1886.

It would appear from this that a large number of persons are still unnecessarily harassed by the action of some of the Criminal Courts.

Diet money.

58. The amount paid to witnesses on account of their expenses was ₹20,240 during the year under review, as compared with ₹13,953 in the previous year. The increase is most conspicuous in the following districts :—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
Gya	99	947	848
Hazareebagh	180	1,006	826
Shahabad	315	914	599
Manbhoom	208	770	562
Moorshedabad	229	664	435
Bankura	780	1,220	440
Rajshahye	156	516	360
Midnapore	442	778	336
Monghyr	219	528	309

A decrease in the amount paid on account of witnesses' expenses is reported from only 7 districts, and is most marked in the following two :—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
24-Pergunnahs	675	217	458
Sarun	524	216	308

Detention of witnesses *Table K.*

Discharged on the 1st day	420,686
" " 2nd "	100,262
" " 3rd "	27,201
" after the 3rd "	10,107
	558,256

59. The number of days during which witnesses were kept in attendance in the Magistrates' Courts before being discharged is given on the margin.

A larger number of witnesses was examined during the year under report, and the general results, as shown in the margin, do not contrast at all favourably with the results of many preceding years. The largest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days in Dacca (1,966), Monghyr (1,018), Pubna (943), Burdwan (457), Noakhally (440), Dinagepore (422), Furreedpore (316), Mymensingh (311), and Backergunge (310). As in 1886 and 1887, no witnesses were detained for so long a period in the Courts of Magistrates in Maldah.

The District Magistrate of Dacca has reported that the discharge of witnesses after the third day was unavoidable, and "not due to any neglect on the part of the officers concerned, nor to any defective arrangements in the distribution of business." This opinion cannot however be accepted; at least, in respect of the Courts at Munshigunge, where out of 6,040 witnesses in attendance, only 2,921 were discharged on the first day and 1,732 were detained for periods exceeding three days. Such returns must indicate a want of promptness and regularity in the disposal of the work, and that very great inconvenience

has been caused to the persons having to attend the Courts. At Naraingunge also, the detentions were unusually frequent and prolonged.

Out of the 943 witnesses detained for more than three days in Pubna, 701 were so detained in the Courts at Serajgunge and 242 at the Sadr Station. The Sub-Divisional Joint Magistrate was responsible for 584 of those detained at Serajgunge, and a Deputy Magistrate for 177 of those detained at the head-quarters. The District Magistrate is unable to accept, as sufficient, the explanation given by the former that the delay in his Court was due to pressure of work. A separate report regarding this officer was, however, submitted to Government during the year, and he has been relieved of charge of the sub-division.

Of the witnesses detained more than three days in the district of Monghyr, 699 were so detained at the Sadr Station and 319 at Jamui. The reasons given by the District Magistrate are too general to relieve from blame the officers who were specially responsible for these results.

In Burdwan, the detentions appear for the most part to have been unavoidable, though it is not improbable that by a more careful system of supervision, the number might have been reduced by the transfer of cases from officers temporarily overburdened with other work.

The District Magistrate of Noakhally, who had recently joined, reported that the chief reason for the detention of witnesses in that district, for which three of the Deputy Magistrates were chiefly responsible, was "mismanagement in arranging the files and a want of due regard for the convenience of the public." A closer supervision on the part of the District Magistrate should ensure better results in future.

The reasons given for the detentions in Dinagepore cannot be regarded as satisfactorily excusing the Deputy Magistrates in whose Courts they occurred.

The results in the Courts in Furreedpore are particularly unsatisfactory, and they are the more so, as the District Magistrate reports that he is unable to rely on the accuracy of the returns, or to accept them as fully representing the total number of witnesses detained.

The explanations given for the number of witnesses detained in Mymensingh and Backergunge are too general to be accepted as sufficient. Similar remarks also apply to others of the districts not specially mentioned.

The attention of the District Magistrates has been invited to these unsatisfactory results, and the necessity for a more active supervision on their part over the working of the Subordinate Criminal Courts insisted on. Where press of other work interferes with the proper discharge by any officer of his duties as a Magistrate, the District Magistrates have been instructed that they should arrange by the transfer of cases to other Magistrates to afford temporary relief, so as to render the attendance of persons in the Criminal Court as little irksome and inconvenient as possible.

Inspection of offices of District Magistrates.

60. During the past year the Commissioners of the Burdwan, Bhaugulpore, Rajshahye, Chittagong, and Orissa Divisions have, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Government Circular No. 4 J., dated 30th January 1889, communicated to the High Court the results of their inspections of the Registers of several of the Magistrates' Courts in these Divisions, and orders and instructions have, where necessary, been issued to the District Magistrates. The information thus furnished has shown that many of the Registers have been incorrectly kept, and the objects, for which they have been prescribed, have been misunderstood. The High Court has, for some time past, recognized the necessity for a complete revision of the Registers of the Criminal Courts, and such a revision is now in progress.

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

High Court. *Statement 5.*

61. In trials held by the High Court in its Original Criminal Jurisdiction, two persons were sentenced to death, five to transportation for life, and five to transportation for a term, while one person was sentenced to penal servitude. Thirty-five persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, five of whom were sentenced for terms exceeding 7 years, twenty-eight for terms between 6 months and 2 years, and two for shorter periods.

No sentence of fine was passed during the past year, and no portion of the unrealized fines of previous years was realized during the year under report.

Courts of Session.

62. The following sentences were passed by the Courts of Session during the past two years :—

	1887.	1888.
Death	39	32
Transportation for life	90	78
Transportation for a term	52	54
Imprisonment rigorous	1,323	1,446
Imprisonment simple	12	17
Forfeiture of property	...	...
Fine	103	132
Whipping	20	20

Of those sentenced to fine, 122, and of those sentenced to be whipped, 10 were also sentenced to some additional punishment. Of the 1,446 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, that sentence in the case of 19 persons included terms of solitary confinement, and 34 persons were sentenced to imprisonment on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed for the following terms:—

	1887.	1888.
Not exceeding 15 days	14	31
„ 6 months	175	142
„ 2 years	408	477
„ 7 years	679	770
Above 7 years	59	43

Sentences of fine by Courts of Session.

63. The fines imposed by Sessions and Additional Sessions Judges amounted to R15,693 in the past, as compared with R7,570 in the previous year. The amount of fines unrealized in previous years, and fines imposed during the past year, which were realized during its course, was R8,080, as compared with R3,471 realized in 1887. The amount of fines realized and paid away as compensation was R629 in 1888, as compared with R108 paid away in 1887.

Presidency Magistrates.

64. The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

	1887	1888.
Imprisonment rigorous	1,446	1,285
Imprisonment simple	140	93
Fine	36,334	45,002
Whipping	69	51

Besides the 1,378 persons shown as sentenced to imprisonment, 6 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms not exceeding one year on failure to furnish security for good behaviour.

In addition to the persons sentenced as just stated, 2,293 persons were warned and discharged, 92 persons were ordered to pay hackney-carriage fare, 44 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, 41 persons were ordered to have their children vaccinated, 35 vagrants were sent to the Government workhouse, 97 seamen were sentenced to forfeit their wages, 11 deserters were made

over to the Military Authorities, and 53 persons were required to give recognizances to keep the peace, of whom 33 were convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace.

65. The details of the sentences of imprisonment passed are thus classified:— Details of sentences.

	1887.	1888.
Not exceeding 15 days	332	280
„ 6 months	1,092	953
„ 2 years	172	151
Exceeding 2 years	...	...

66. The total amount of fines imposed was R1,08,006, as compared with R91,730 in the previous year: the amount realized being R1,01,799, as compared with R83,488. The amount of fines realized and paid away as compensation was R1,482 in the past, as compared with R1,306 in the previous year.

67. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be thus classified:—

	1887.	1888.
10 stripes and under	64	46
20 „ „ „	5	5
30 „ „ „	...	...

68. The following statement shows the sentences passed by Magistrates in the districts outside of Calcutta during the past two years:— Sentences by Provincial Magistrates' Courts.

		1887.	1888.
Fine	with imprisonment	3,485	4,262
	without „	75,133	84,097
Whipping	sole punishment	1,070	801
	additional	108	81
Imprisonment	rigorous	22,074*	23,633
	simple	926*	812

There was an increase under all the heads of punishment except that of whipping. Of the 23,633 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, the sentences of 73 included a term of solitary confinement, and 972 persons were sentenced to imprisonment on failing to furnish security for good behaviour.

Besides the sentences above described, 184 workmen were required to fulfil their contracts, 6,560 persons were required to find sureties or to give recognizance to keep the peace, 1,050 of this number having been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, and 1,169 persons were required to give sureties for good behaviour, 972 of whom, as stated above, were sentenced to imprisonment on default.

69. The sentences of imprisonment passed during 1887 and 1888 respectively may be thus classified:— Details of sentences of imprisonment.

	1887.	1888.
Not exceeding 15 days	4,961	5,318
„ 6 months	13,830	14,760
„ 2 years	4,138	4,291
Exceeding 2 years	71	75

70. The sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years may be grouped as follows:— Whipping.

	1887.	1888
10 stripes and less	510	392
20 „ „	501	380
30 „ „	167	109

There was thus, it will be seen, a further decrease in sentences of whipping.

* Revised figures.

Fines.
Table L.

71. The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation during each of the past two years, are thus returned—

	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid as compensation.
	₹	₹	₹
1887	5,90,041	5,19,456	29,998
1888	6,33,934	5,47,792	33,480

Details of sentences of whipping (All Courts).
Table L 1.

72. The total number of persons sentenced to whipping by all the Criminal Courts in the Province was 953 in the past, as compared with 1,267 in the previous year, and 1,490 in 1886, the percentage of whippings to other punishments being ·57 in 1888 and ·86 in 1887, as against ·99 in 1886 and 1·2 in 1885.

The number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable under the provisions of Act VI of 1864 to a sentence of whipping, either as the sole or as an additional punishment, was 23,222 in the past, as compared with 21,958 in the previous year. The proportion actually punished with whipping was 4·1 per cent. in the past year, as compared with 5·77 per cent. in 1887, 5·9 per cent. in 1886, and 6·48 per cent. in 1885. The proportion in this respect varied from 11·3 per cent. in Chumparun to ·53 in Hooghly.

Reformatory School Act.
Statement 5.

73. Seventy-three juveniles were sentenced to detention in a Reformatory School during the year under review, as against 63 in each of the years 1887 and 1886, and 59 in 1885. These sentences were passed in only 25 districts, including Calcutta, the largest number being reported from Calcutta (17), Chumparun (8), and the 24-Pergunnahs (5). Fifty-three juveniles were so sentenced by Magistrates in the Mofussil, 17 by Presidency Magistrates, one each by the Sessions Judges of Mymensingh and Rungpore, and one by the Judicial Commissioner of Chota-Nagpore at Manbhoom.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals from sentences or orders.
Table P.

74. The following table shows the number of appeals from the sentences or orders of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal, instituted and decided in the High Court during each of the years 1886, 1887, and 1888, as also the number pending at the close of each of those years :—

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Instituted	776	821	910
Decided	751	804	929
Pending	57	74	55

The number of appeals preferred and decided in 1888 was greater than in any of the previous five years.

There were 55 cases pending on the files at the close of the year, against 74 at the close of 1887.

Appeals from persons convicted

75. Two of the appeals before the Court during the year were preferred by persons convicted and sentenced by the Recorder of Rangoon. One of these was heard during the year and the conviction and sentence upheld. The other was undecided at the close of the year.

Eight hundred and eleven appeals were preferred from the sentences of the ordinary Sessions Courts during the past year, and including those pending trial at the close of 1887, 881 appeals were on the files of those Courts during 1888. Of these, 833 were decided with the results noted in the margin, and 48 remained undecided at the close of the year.

Affirmed	664
Reversed	79
Varied	87
Remanded	3
TOTAL .	833

Five appeals were preferred against orders passed by Sessions Judges confirming sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of their special powers under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Of these, two were against the order of the Sessions Judge of Dinagepore confirming a sentence passed by the Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling, and three against the orders of the Judicial Commissioner of Chota-Nagpore confirming two sentences passed by the Deputy Commissioner of Manbhoom and one by the Deputy Commissioner of Singbhoom. Four of these five appeals were summarily rejected, while one of the appeals from Dinagepore remained pending at the close of the year. Only one such appeal was preferred and decided during 1887, and five in 1886.

The number of appeals preferred against the sentences of Presidency Magistrates was 90 in the past, as compared with 73 in the previous year, and 50 in 1886. Including the three appeals remaining over from the preceding year, there were 93 appeals against sentences of Presidency Magistrates on the file during the year under report: of these, 88 were decided. In 84 the orders were confirmed, in 3 they were modified, and in 1 the order was reversed.

Appeals from judgments of acquittal.

76. There were also three appeals preferred by the Local Government against judgments of acquittal, against two preferred during 1887. All these were decided during the year. Two of these were preferred against the judgments of the Sessions Judge of Jessore in trials held with the aid of assessors at the Khulna Sessions. In both these cases the judgments of acquittal were set aside. In one case the accused person was sentenced to transportation for life under Section 376, Penal Code; in the other case the three accused persons concerned were convicted under Sections 114 and 326 of the Indian Penal Code, and sentenced each to rigorous imprisonment for three years. The remaining appeal was preferred against a judgment of acquittal passed by the Chief Presidency Magistrate in respect to four persons. Two of these persons were convicted by the High Court, one of an offence under Sections 571 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, and the other of the offence of abetting the same, and they were sentenced each to pay a fine of R200, or in default of such payment each to undergo simple imprisonment for two months. The Magistrate's order, in regard to the remaining two persons concerned in this appeal, was confirmed.

Results of all Appeals (cases) decided.

77. The following statement shows the result of all appeals as affecting the cases decided during each of the past three years :—

	1886	1887.	1888.
Affirmed	626	656	753
Reversed	48	44	82
Varied	72	98	91
Remanded	5	5	3
Otherwise	2	1	...

Results of Appeals as affecting persons.

The following statement gives the result of appeals during the past two years with regard to the number of appellants concerned :—

	1887.	1888.
Appeals rejected	675	708
Sentence confirmed	311	451
„ enhanced	4	.
„ reduced or altered	136	118
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	71	170
New trial or further enquiry ordered	5	6

The appeals of 48·7 per cent. of the appellants were rejected in the past year, as compared with 56·1 per cent. in 1887, and 56·3 per cent. in 1886, 55·5

per cent. in 1885, and 62·2 per cent. in 1884. The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage.	
	1887.	1888.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	59·	60·5
„ „ modified	25·8	15·9
„ „ set aside	13·5	22·8
New trial ordered	·9	·8
Sentence of Lower Court enhanced	·8	...

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Number of appeals filed, decided and pending. *Table M.*

78. The number of appeals preferred and decided in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during the past two years, and the number pending at the close of each of those years respectively, were as follows:—

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Sessions Judges . .	5,875	6,515	5,797	6,568	283	222
District Magistrates .	3,322	3,880	3,301	3,851	153	181

There has been a still further increase in the number of appeals to both classes of Courts.

The number of appeals to both Sessions Judges and District Magistrates preferred during each of the past eight years is given below, together with the number of appealable cases disposed of during that period:—

	Appeals to Sessions Judges.	Appeals to District Magistrates.	Appealable cases.
1881	3,397	1,991	47,312
1882	3,617	1,945	49,036
1883	4,453	2,339	45,139
1884	5,087	2,655	46,294
1885	5,808	2,939	46,992
1886	5,860	3,155	48,648
1887	5,875	3,322	48,813
1888	6,515	3,880	54,119

79. In respect to the Courts of Session as Courts of Appeal the increase is most prominent in the following districts:—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
Gya	218	389	171
Khulna	94	173	79
Hazareebagh	78	155	77
Backergunge	281	353	72
Mymensingh	274	343	69

In Gya the increase is attributed to the larger number of Magistrates exercising powers of the 1st class. In Khulna and Hazareebagh there was a considerable increase in the number of persons under trial before the Criminal Courts.

In 14 districts such appeals were less numerous; amongst these the returns of the following districts were most conspicuous:—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
Dinagepore	181	118	63
Sarun	210	177	33
Pooree	67	45	22
Beerbhoom	97	76	21

In Dinagepore this seems to have been due to there having been only one full powered Magistrate at the head-quarters for a considerable portion of the year. As shown in the succeeding paragraph, the appeals to the District Magistrate show a corresponding increase.

80. The increase in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts was contributed chiefly by the following districts:—

	1887.	1888.	Increase.
Shahabad	100	188	88
Dinagepore	34	106	72
Lohardugga	68	136	68
Bhaugulpore	50	111	61
Hazareebagh	34	88	54

In Beerbhoom the figures for the past two years were stationary; while in 11 districts the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts decreased. The decrease occurred chiefly in the following districts:—

	1887.	1888.	Decrease.
Burdwan	100	51	49
Monghyr	163	115	48
Purneah	84	38	46
Maldah	82	61	21

81. The results with regard to the appellants in the Courts of Session and District Magistrates' Courts during the past two years are separately shown in the following table:— Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

	Courts of Session.		District Magistrates' Courts.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Appeals rejected	2,408	2,689	653	842
Sentences confirmed	3,456	4,165	2,772	3,190
„ enhanced	...	...	...	...
„ reduced or altered	1,051	1,049	442	618
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	1,932	2,012	1,193	1,258
New trial or further enquiry ordered	76	76	72	91
Otherwise disposed of	8	6	3	2

The appeals of 26·8 per cent. of the appellants in the Courts of Session were rejected in the past, as compared with 26·9* per cent. in the previous year. In the Courts of Magistrates the proportion was 14·03 per cent. in 1888, as compared with 12·7 per cent. in 1887, and 10·3 per cent. in 1886.

The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	52·99	56·99	61 85	61·83
„ „ „ modified	16·11	14·35	9·86	11·98
„ „ „ set aside	29·62	27·53	26·62	24·39
New trial ordered	1·16	1·04	1·6	1·76
Otherwise disposed of	·12	·09	·07	·03

82. The number of appellants in these cases was 16,074 in the year under report, as compared with 14,242 in 1887. Number of Appellants. *Table O.*

83. The proportion of persons who had a right to appeal and exercised the right was 29·7 per cent. in the past, as compared with 29·17 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Backergunge (61·03 per cent.), Noakhally (57·6 per cent.), Rungpore (54·3 per cent.), Chittagong (52·3 per cent.), and Ratio of Appellants to persons having the right to appeal.

* Revised figures.

Maldah (50·4 per cent.), and lowest in Howrah (5·08 per cent.), Burdwan (11·31 per cent.), Hooghly (14·2 per cent.), Darjeeling (15·4 per cent.), Patna (16·9 per cent.), and Mozufferpore (19·9 per cent.).

The decisions of the Lower Courts were affirmed in the appeals of 10,886 persons, or 68·01 per cent. of those whose appeals were decided during the year. The proportion for 1887 was 66·03 per cent., 68·01 per cent. for 1886, and 71·5 per cent. for 1885.

Appellants who were unsuccessful.

84. The proportion of unsuccessful appellants was greatest in Howrah (where 77·7 per cent. of the decisions were affirmed), Hazareebagh (76·9 per cent.), Singbhoom (76·7 per cent.), Maldah (75·1 per cent.), and Sarun (75·2 per cent.). The districts where appellants met with the greatest success were Beerbhoom (where only 51·6 per cent. of the decisions were affirmed), Lohardugga (55·2 per cent.), Bogra (59·6 per cent.), and Bankura (60·27 per cent.). In the remaining districts the proportion of decisions affirmed varied from 61·3 per cent. to 74·5 per cent.

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

References and cases for revision.
See Table R.

85. The following table shows the number of cases referred from the districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal to the High Court during the past year:—

	Pending from 1887.	Filed in 1888.	Decided in 1888.	Pending at the close of 1888.
References under Section 307, Act X of 1882	3	23	25	1
References under Section 374, Act X of 1882	6	28	31	3
References under Section 432, Act X of 1882	...	...	...	...

Besides the above, the cases of six persons, who, though not insane, could not be made to understand the proceedings in the Criminal Courts, were referred under Section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the District Magistrates of Bhagulpore, Gya, Patna, Rajshahye, Sarun, and Shahabad. These six cases were disposed of during the year with the result that the High Court directed the discharge of the accused in the case referred to the Court by the Magistrate of the last-named district, and approved of the findings in the remaining five cases. Four such cases were referred to the Court during 1887.

Result of references under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.

86. Of the 26 cases referred under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure which were before the High Court during 1888, 25 were heard and determined with the result that in 13 the verdict of the Jury was reversed, in 11 it was upheld, and in the remaining case it was modified. The following statement shows the results of such references in the past year, and in the three preceding years:—

	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Verdict set aside	18	13	5	13
„ accepted	4	9	10	11
„ modified	...	1	...	1
New trial ordered	3	1	4	...
Heard and determined . . .	25	24	19	25

References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

87. Of the 34 references under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure which were before the Court during 1888, 31 were disposed of with the result that in 18 cases the sentence of death was confirmed; in 5 cases the sentence was commuted to transportation for life, and in 2 cases the sentence was set aside and the accused sentenced to a term of imprisonment on conviction

of a lesser offence. In the remaining 6 cases the prisoners were acquitted. In all these cases appeals were also preferred to the High Court.

The largest number of references under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was received during the past year from the following Courts of Sessions: Rungpore (4), Monghyr and Dinagepore (3 each), and Bankura and Chumparun (2 each). The number of persons in respect of whom sentence of death was confirmed by the High Court in each of these districts was as follows: Rungpore, Bankura, and Dinagepore (2 each), and Chumparun (1). There were two references for confirmation of sentences of death passed by the Recorder of Rangoon on the files of the High Court, one only of which was decided during the year. In that case the sentence was confirmed.

88. The following statement shows the number of cases relating to the Lower Provinces of Bengal with which the High Court dealt during the past year under its powers of revision :— Cases dealt with in revision under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

	Remaining over from 1887.	Filed in 1888.	Decided in 1888.	Pending at the close of 1888.
Cases referred under Section 438 .	29	246	263	12
Cases dealt with under Section 435 .	29	407	417	19
TOTAL .	58	653	680	31

Of the cases dealt with by the High Court under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 365 related to orders and sentences passed by Magistrates and 52 by Sessions Courts.

89. The following statement shows the result of proceedings in revision :— Result of revision as affecting cases.

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision.	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session . . .	12	14	2	2	22	52
District Magistrates' Courts .	27	18	1	3	...	49
Other Magistrates' Courts .	322	172	48	37	...	579
TOTAL .	361	204	51	42	22	680

In 53 per cent. the High Court refused to interfere, while the orders of the Lower Courts were set aside in 30 per cent. The corresponding percentages for the preceding two years were 43·6 and 35·2 respectively for 1887, and 52·4 and 29·1 respectively for 1886.

90. In the following statement the orders passed by the High Court as a Court of Revision in the cases referred to it under Section 438 and in cases taken up by it *suo motu* under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure are separately shown :—

Cases referred to the High Court under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and dealt with during 1888.

Officer making the reference.	Cases in which the High Court declined to interfere.	CASES IN WHICH THE HIGH COURT INTERFERED.				TOTAL.	Percentage of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere.
		By enhancing the sentence.	By reducing or altering the sentence.	By setting aside the order sent up for revision.	By directing a new trial.		
District Magistrates .	35	2	6	24	7	74	47·2
Sessions Judges . .	56	...	15	93	25	189	29·6
TOTAL .	91	2	21	117	32	263	34·6

Cases dealt with by the High Court on motion under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during 1888.

Class of officers whose orders were objected to.	Cases in which the Court rejected the application.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And finally discharged.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And made absolute: In their entirety.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And made absolute: To the extent of: Modifying the order complained of.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And made absolute: To the extent of: Directing a new trial.	Cases in which rules were granted by the High Court: And dealt with otherwise than shown in the preceding columns.	Total	Remarks
Magistrates . . .	196	62	73	26	8	...	365	*Percentage of the total number of cases decided in which the High Court declined to interfere or did not do so:—*
Sessions Judges . .	6	6	14	2	2	...	30*	Per cent.
								Orders of Magistrates, columns 2 and 3 (196+62) =258 out of 365 . . 70·6
								Orders of Sessions Judges, columns 2 and 3 (6+6)= 12 out of 30 . . . 40·
Total .	202	68	87	28	10	...	395	

* Besides these, 22 cases were called for by the Court on review of Sessions Statements. The High Court, however, did not interfere with the orders passed by the Sessions Judge in any of these cases.

The above statements show that the High Court refused to interfere in 34·6 per cent. of the cases referred under Section 438, and that the larger proportion of the cases in which the Court refused to interfere, were cases referred by District Magistrates. The percentage was greater than in previous years, for in 1887 it was 25·5, in 1886, 29·6, and in 1885, 26·9.

As regards cases dealt with by the Court on motion, 29·3 per cent. of the orders passed by Magistrates, and 60 per cent. of those passed by Sessions Judges were reversed or otherwise interfered with by the Court. The corresponding proportion for 1887 was for Magistrates 36·3 per cent., and Sessions Judges 52·4, while that for 1886, was 34·4 per cent. for Magistrates, and 46·7 for Sessions Judges, and for 1885, 31 per cent. for Magistrates, and 64 per cent. for Sessions Judges. Twenty-two cases were dealt with by the High Court acting *suo motu* under Section 435, but in none of these did the Court interfere with the orders of the Courts of Session. In 1887, 17 such cases were dealt with, in two of which the Court interfered, while in 1886 11 similar cases were dealt with but the orders of the Sessions Judges were not interfered with.

Result of revision as affecting persons.

91. The following statement shows in detail the result of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years:—

	1887.	1888.
Applications rejected	356	608
Orders confirmed	466	889
Sentences enhanced	10	7
„ reduced or altered	158	102
„ reversed or quashed	600	492
New trial or further enquiry ordered . . .	165	106

Applications under Section 526, C. P. C.

92. In addition to the cases enumerated above, there were 36 applications made during the past year under Section 526 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the transfer for trial of cases from one Court or district to another. These applications are dealt with in open Court in the same manner as applications for revision under Section 435 of the Code. Of these 36 applications, 15 were summarily rejected by the Court, while rules were issued in 20 cases. In these latter, the applications were granted in 19 cases, and refused in only 1 case. The remaining application remained undecided at the close of the year.

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

93. The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred and disposed of in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates during each of the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of those years respectively:— Number of applications for revision filed, decided, and pending. *Table N.*

	Preferred		Decided		Pending	
	1887	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888
Courts of Session . . .	1,886	1,713	1,841	1,757	100	85
District Magistrates . .	1,403	1,478	1,388	1,482	63	59

Although the number of applications preferred and disposed of by the Courts of Session was less than in 1887, yet it was greater than the number preferred and decided in the two previous years. The variations for the past two years are too slight to call for remark, except in the 24-Pergunnahs where there was a considerable decrease. The number of such applications made to the Courts of Magistrates has been steadily increasing for the past five years. The returns show that the increase for the past year was most conspicuous in the Districts of Mymensingh, Shahabad, and the 24-Pergunnahs, and on the other hand there was a noticeable decrease in the Districts of Backergunge and Burdwan; while no applications were made to the District Magistrates of Beerbhoom, Bankura, and Singbhoom against any of the orders passed by the Subordinate Magistrates in the districts.

94. Including accused persons against whom applications were made, who, as explained in previous reports, are not treated in the statements as applicants for revision, the number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts other than the High Court was 6,444 in the past, as compared with 6,183 in the previous year. Number of applicants for revision. *Table O.*

The applications of 4,670, or 71·2 per cent. of the number whose applications were decided, were either rejected summarily, or the orders of the Lower Court were upheld in the cases in which they were concerned. The proportion in 1887 was 65·81 per cent., in 1886, 69·4 per cent., and in 1885, 69·5 per cent.

XII.—FINANCIAL.

95. In the report on the Administration of Civil Justice a statement has been given showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Side of the High Court. On the Criminal Side the amount of court-fees realized during the past year was R3,011. An exact account of the charges on that side of the Court cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges and of the officers exclusively employed in this department, and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is occupied by the Criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to R1,36,023 as shown below:— The High Court. *Table S.*

	R
Salary of Judges	95,000
Salary of establishment	35,652
Postage of covers and other contingent charges . . .	5,371
TOTAL .	1,36,023

	R
Charges	1,36,023
Receipts	3,011
	1,33,012

The net result, as shown in the margin, is that the expenditure exceeded the income by R1,33,012.

Presidency Magistrates' Courts.

96. The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to R1,06,966, and the total charges to R52,879, the net result being a surplus of R54,087, against a surplus of R37,483 obtained in 1887, and R33,217 in 1886.

Courts in the interior.

97. The following statement shows in detail the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior :—

	Stamps.		In cash or special stamps.		
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Miscellaneous.
	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . . .	1,95,645	2,49,841	5,35,412	81,292	49,072
Courts of Session . . .	337	5,720	8,117	5,115	312
Total .	1,95,982	2,55,561	5,43,529	86,407	49,384

Details of Charges.

The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the districts :—

		Establishment.			Contingent.	
	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts .	11,65,014	1,00,314	3,590	3,54,366	40,944	2,19,361
Courts of Session .	3,66,093	3,484	993	32,513	2,575	22,112
Total .	15,31,107	1,03,798	4,583	3,86,879	43,519	2,41,473

The amount charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of Judicial Officers has been determined on the principle mentioned in the reports for previous years.

Copying Department.

98. The following figures show the receipts and charges of the Copying Department of the Criminal Courts :—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties .	...	86,407
Deduct—		
Salary of Copying and Comparing Clerks . .	4,583	
Fees paid to Copyists not on the fixed establishment	43,519	
		48,102
Surplus		38,305

Besides the above surplus, "expedition fees" were also realized during the year. These are accounted for under the head "Miscellaneous Receipts." The system for the preparation of copies, which was introduced in 1880, has year by year brought in an increased income to Government. The surplus obtained in the Criminal Courts under this system since its introduction is given on the margin.

	R
1880	8,321
1881	18,146
1882	18,548
1883	19,619
1884	23,057
1885	25,287
1886	28,129
1887	36,391
1888	38,305
Total .	2,10,863[1]

[1] This amount does not include "expedition fees."

Process Department.

99. The receipts and charges on account of the service of process in the Criminal Courts in Bengal are shown in the margin. The results show a deficit of R3,147 in the Courts of Session, and a surplus of R95,331 in the Courts of Magistrates, or a net surplus of R92,184. The corresponding figures for 1887 showed a deficit of R3,085 in the Courts of Session, and a surplus of R1,30,490 in the Courts of Magistrates, or a net surplus of R1,27,405. In 1886 there was a net surplus of R1,07,957, and in 1885 a net surplus of R97,781.

	Receipts	Charges.	Results, +or—
	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	1,95,645	1,00,314	+95,331
Courts of Session	337	3,484	—3,147
TOTAL	1,95,982	1,03,798	+92,184

Abstract of Receipts and Charges of all Courts.

100. The following is an abstract of the receipts and charges of all Courts:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results, + or—
	R	R	R
High Court	3,011	1,36,023	—1,33,012
Presidency Magistrates	1,06,966	52,879	+ 54,087
Courts of Session	19,601	4,27,770	—4,08,169
Magistrates' Courts	11,11,262	18,83,589	—7,72,327
TOTAL	12,40,840	25,00,261	—12,59,421

The excess of expenditure over receipts amounting in the aggregate to R12,59,421 is common to all Courts except those of the Presidency Magistrates and the Magistrate of the district of the 24-Pergunnahs.

As stated in previous reports, charges on account of leave or pension allowances or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such as the cost of buildings, stationery, &c., have not been included in the above figures.

101. It is still a matter for regret that pressure of other business has prevented any inspection by the High Court of any of the Criminal Courts.

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A

Showing the Total Number of Offences reported, of Cases struck off as False, and of True Cases in 1887 and 1888.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of Indian Penal Code	3	1	1	...	...	...	2	1
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	3,782	3,800	433	451	192	232	3,157	3,117
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	5,324	4,918	101	162	18	21	5,205	4,735
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	3,415	3,267	84	84	45	24	3,286	3,159
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	492	398	6	6	5	11	481	381
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	6,140	7,712	72	74	20	25	6,048	7,613
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	72,086	71,141	13,706	15,203	2,323	1,911	56,057	54,027
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	82,825	85,165	12,150	12,519	5,002	5,015	65,673	67,631
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	7,685	8,212	2,821	3,225	101	136	4,763	4,851
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	181,752	184,614	29,374	31,724	7,706	7,375	144,672	145,515
Offences under Special Laws	92,276	104,784	2,412	2,680	597	599	89,267	101,505
GRAND TOTAL	274,028	289,398	31,786	34,404	8,303	7,974	233,939	247,020

A 1

Showing the Total Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the Results of Trial, in 1887 and 1888.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	2	1	1	...	1	1	100	100
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,819	2,881	3,980	4,192	7.589	7,868	65·59	65·24
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,991	4,432	2,259	2,080	5,200	4,747	69·71	69·53
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	3,120	3,001	2,014	1,687	1,811	1,761	47·34	51·07
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	460	357	159	144	349	269	68·7	65·13
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	5,953	7,525	576	737	8,448	10,561	93 61	93·47
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	28,097	28,563	22,815	24,051	17,204	16,962	42·98	41·37
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	32,225	33,196	23,002	23,854	23,224	24,387	50·23	50·56
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	2,567	2,866	2,512	2,827	875	931	25·83	24·77
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	80,234	82,872	57,318	59,572	64,701	67,487	53·02	53·11
Offences under Special Laws	74,816	87,476	14,871	15,362	83,852	98,517	84·93	86·51
GRAND TOTAL	155,050	170,348	72,189	74,934	148,553	166,004	67·2	68 89

B

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge	7,754	7,501	1,696	1,779	145	140	5,913	5,573	76 2	74·2
Beerbhoom	3,171	3,167	560	585	169	265	2,442	2,317	77·01	73·1
Bhagulpore	4,616	6,046	597	656	380	421	3,639	4,969	78·8	82·1
Monghyr	6,346	6,128	404	231	203	227	5,739	5,670	90·4	92·5
Burdwan	6,208	7,658	1,006	908	151	109	5,051	6,641	81·3	86·7
Bankura	2,410	2,128	309	278	269	61	1 832	1,789	76·01	84·06
Chittagong	5,150	4,501	1,271	1,624	98	86	3,781	2,791	73·4	62·
Cuttack	5,801	5,884	597	500	99	129	5,105	5,195	88	88·2
Pooree	3,405	3,313	191	295	234	132	2,980	2,886	87·5	87·1
Balasore	2,621	2,852	668	506	72	89	1,881	2,167	71·7	75·9
Dacca	7,754	8,413	1,821	2,381	163	111	5,770	5,921	74·4	70·3
Dinagepore	5,826	4,715	998	759	284	226	4,544	3,730	77·9	79·1
Darjeeling	2,609	2,244	49	57	24	34	2,536	2,153	97·2	95·9
Furreedpore	6,476	6,875	1,078	931	126	55	5,272	5,889	81·4	85·6
Gya	6,270	6,573	325	459	527	485	5,418	5,629	86·4	85·6
Hooghly	7,825	7,199	832	782	385	401	6,608	6,016	84·4	83·5
Howrah	6,103	7,352	439	520	94	133	5,570	6,699	91·2	91·1
Jessore	6,097	5,735	460	527	188	118	5,449	5,000	89·3	88·7
Khoolna	3,151	3,416	595	427	74	77	2,482	2,912	78 7	85 2
Midnapore	7,975	7,582	1,011	1,029	352	214	6,612	6,339	82·9	83·6
Moorshedabad	5,110	4,590	527	539	61	63	4,522	3,988	88·4	86·8
Mymensingh	11,618	12,038	2,714	3,882	160	301	8,744	7 855	75·2	65·2
Noakhally	4,298	3,789	494	458	78	55	3,726	3,276	86·6	86·4
Nuddea	6,503	6,552	639	846	139	163	5,725	5,543	88·03	84·6
Patna	8,931	8,296	290	521	331	336	8,310	7,439	93·04	89·6
Pubna	4,191	4,424	803	801	205	194	3,183	3,429	75·9	77·5
Bogra	2,693	2,488	1,049	295	38	54	1,606	2,139	59·6	85·9
Purneah	4,888	5,089	1,106	1,163	142	204	3,640	3,722	74·4	73·1
Rajshahye	2,875	3,878	371	755	172	277	2,332	2,846	81·1	73·3
Maldah	1,988	2,184	459	643	63	43	1,466	1,498	73·7	68 5
Rungpore	4,373	4,482	682	939	151	161	3,540	3,382	80·9	75·4
Jalpaigoori	2,351	2,519	305	383	107	175	1,939	1,961	82·47	77·8
Sarun	6,160	6,787	1,176	1,224	222	233	4,762	5,330	77·3	78·5
Chumparun	4,423	5,266	592	615	303	402	3,528	4,249	79·7	86·8
Shahabad	5,769	5,611	760	611	296	388	4,713	4,612	81 6	82·1
Tipperah	7,053	7,447	1,187	1,403	377	158	5,489	5,886	77·8	79·03
Mozufferpore	5,288	5,720	404	336	308	282	4,576	5,102	86·5	89·1
Durbhunga	5,386	5,466	665	886	249	143	4,472	4,437	83·03	81·1
24-Pergunnahs	17,954	23,587	1,269	1,402	462	463	16,223	21,722	90·3	92·09
Hazaribagh	2,529	2,781	374	400	154	142	2,001	2,239	79·1	80 5
Lohardugga	3,273	3,643	353	118	106	107	2,814	3,118	85·9	85·5
Manbhoom	2,671	2,860	650	423	40	36	1,981	2,401	74·1	83·9
Singbhoom	658	786	10	77	12	11	636	698	96 6	88·8
TOTAL	228,551	239,565	31,786	34,404	8,213	7,913	188,552	197,248	82·4	82·4
Calcutta	45,477	49 833	...	.	90	61	45,387	49,772	99·8	99 8
GRAND TOTAL	274,028	289,398	31,786	34,404	8,303	7,974	233,939	247,020	85·3	85·4

B 1

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year		Numbers of Persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge . .	3,841	3,650	2,960	2,647	5,628	4,340	65·5	62·1
Beerbhoom . . .	1,739	1,630	981	1,017	1,373	1,429	58·3	55·4
Bhagulpore . . .	1,970	3,026	1,184	1,669	1,675	2,477	58·5	59·6
Monghyr . . .	2,986	2,880	2,002	2,059	2,631	2,826	56·7	57·
Burdwan . . .	3,345	4,674	1,696	1,969	2,689	3,738	61·4	65·5
Bankura . . .	1,089	1,187	741	717	849	932	53·39	56·8
Chittagong . . .	1,859	1,925	1,276	1,514	1,480	1,364	53·7	47 3
Cuttack . . .	3,363	3,500	1,632	2,237	2,915	2,799	64·1	55·5
Pooree . . .	2,143	1,665	1,434	1,310	2,047	1,552	58 8	54·2
Balasore . . .	1,135	1,255	743	817	827	989	52·6	54·7
Dacca	3,506	3,420	2,173	2,085	2,981	2,900	57·9	58·1
Dinagepore . . .	2,672	2,440	1,365	1,349	2,187	1,818	61·5	57·4
Darjeeling . . .	2,070	1,694	545	442	2,035	1,605	78 8	78·4
Furreedpore . .	2,594	2,881	1,840	2,052	2,483	2,959	57·43	59·05
Gya	3,316	3,600	1,819	1,573	2,778	3,397	60 4	68·3
Hooghly . . .	3,813	4,348	2,233	1,912	2,870	3,686	56·2	65·8
Howrah . . .	4,673	5,853	1,973	1,732	4,335	5,385	68·7	75·6
Jessore . . .	2,844	2,816	2,016	1,941	2,156	2,039	51·6	51·2
Khoolna . . .	1,446	1,854	1,150	1,188	1,227	1,640	51·6	57 9
Midnapore . . .	4,332	4,468	2,983	2,850	3,171	3,651	51·5	56·1
Moorshedabad . .	2,827	2,466	1,386	1,333	2,303	1,879	62 4	58·5
Mymensingh . .	4,557	4,502	2,560	2,485	3,725	3,626	59·2	59·3
Noakhally . . .	1,676	1,554	1,231	988	1,394	1,003	53·1	50·3
Nuddea . . .	3,558	3,294	1,893	1,529	3,331	2,880	63·7	65·3
Patna . . .	6,401	5,565	2,085	2,077	5,857	5,280	73 74	71·76
Pubna . . .	1,808	1,993	1,418	1,451	1,521	1,587	51·7	52 2
Bogra	1,198	1,266	635	763	1,016	855	61·7	52 8
Purneah . . .	1,721	1,634	1,111	1,163	1,320	1,063	54 2	47·7
Rajshahye . . .	1,587	1,964	1,256	1,194	1,449	1,924	53·5	61·6
Maldah . . .	1,466	1,498	889	932	1,360	1,213	60 4	56·5
Rungpore . . .	2,017	2,122	1,423	1,406	1,629	1,501	53·3	51·6
Jalpaigoori . . .	986	965	663	723	733	869	52·5	54 5
Sarun . . .	3,990	4,624	2,515	3,199	3,427	3,572	57·6	52·7
Chumparun . . .	2,310	2,850	1,874	1,827	1,252	1,809	40·	49·7
Shahabad . . .	3,225	3,251	2,493	2,826	2,145	2,718	49·5	49·02
Tipperah . . .	2,624	2,710	1,850	1,767	2,697	2,699	59 3	60·4
Mozufferpore . .	3,604	3,902	1,568	1,719	3,027	3,301	65·9	65·7
Durbhunga . . .	3,237	3,055	1,458	1,250	3,377	3,172	69 8	71·7
24-Pergunnahs . .	12,140	17,425	3,368	3,962	12,944	18,887	79·3	82·6
Hazaribagh . .	1,250	1,580	720	854	980	1,559	57·6	64 6
Lohardugga .	2,048	1,929	1,412	1,395	1,697	1,630	54·5	53 5
Manbhoom ,, . .	1,438	1,871	1,123	1,739	1,316	1,865	53 9	51·7
Singbhoom . . .	480	525	223	290	424	503	65·5	63·4
TOTAL .	121,084	131,313	67,895	69,952	107,561	116,921	61·3	62 5
Calcutta . . .	33,966	39,035	4,294	4,982	40,992	49,083	90·51	90 7
GRAND TOTAL .	155,050	170,348	72,189	74,934	148,553	166,004	67·2	68·8

C

Showing the Number of Offences of each Class returned as true in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
	1887.	1888.	1887	1888.	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888
Backergunge	...	.	117	146	251	308	138	123	12	10	19	15	1.636	1,747	1,506	1,497	167	167	3,846	4,013	2,067	1,560	5,913	5,573
Beerbhoom	...	...	17	47	69	45	57	45	2	3	67	37	763	563	756	937	52	88	1,783	1,765	659	552	2.442	2,317
Bhagulpore	..	...	57	26	94	118	55	80	15	20	34	49	879	939	1,654	2,180	37	41	2,825	3,453	814	1,516	3 639	4,969
Monghyr	1	..	86	69	247	168	193	131	13	11	47	57	1.079	905	2,722	3,133	78	67	4,466	4.541	1,273	1.129	5,739	5,670
Burdwan	.	.	54	53	91	65	76	49	8	7	43	71	1,738	1,713	1,315	1,511	175	265	3,500	3,734	1,551	2,907	5,051	6.641
Bankura	..	.	62	61	65	72	24	21	1	4	18	34	500	532	765	529	24	22	1,459	1,275	373	514	1,832	1 789
Chittagong	.	.	94	44	59	40	32	67	4	2	33	25	1,787	1,058	959	863	108	108	3,076	2,207	705	584	3,781	2,791
Cuttack	...	..	61	54	105	78	63	71	6	27	41	42	1,534	1,496	1,539	1,823	114	73	3,463	3,664	1.642	1,531	5,105	5,195
Pooree	.	.	33	18	57	15	56	40	4	4	44	15	668	608	1,192	1,448	57	39	2.111	2,187	869	699	2,980	2,886
Balasore	..	.	20	28	23	42	34	45	6	10	10	8	808	937	644	695	59	46	1,604	1,811	277	356	1.881	2,167
Dacca	...		177	184	172	131	88	110	10	19	47	110	2,564	2,714	1,410	1.254	126	149	4,594	4.671	1,176	1,250	5,770	5,921
Dinagepore		...	31	37	192	119	127	70	3	8	172	121	620	701	2,333	1,791	83	71	3,561	2,918	983	812	4,544	3.730
Darjeeling		.	11	5	7	9	35	39	4	4	41	26	206	156	819	658	62	82	1,185	979	1.351	1,174	2,536	2.153
Furreedpore	...	.	176	175	267	273	57	76	20	13	18	16	2,319	2.297	1,502	1,804	124	173	4,483	4,827	739	1,062	5,272	5,889
Gya	.	...	55	65	201	224	110	161	10	10	28	55	894	701	2,631	2,679	51	38	3,980	3,993	1,438	1,696	5,418	5,629
Hooghly	..	...	55	40	56	240	79	81	2	12	16	39	3.209	1 982	1,357	1,205	122	157	4,896	3,756	1,712	2,260	6,608	6,016
Howrah	...	...	40	35	67	72	37	62	14	5	15	26	1 376	1,286	922	901	152	158	2,623	2,545	2,947	4.154	5,570	6 699
Jessore	...	1	83	99	270	158	83	63	8	14	44	86	1,988	2,033	1,810	1 502	189	171	4,475	4,132	974	958	5,449	5,090
Khoolna	...	..	88	91	71	110	31	57	3	9	12	71	881	971	1,050	1,008	53	67	2,189	2,384	293	528	2,482	2,912
Midnapore	.	...	95	102	295	244	98	110	8	8	63	63	2,447	2 194	1,857	1,710	236	229	5.099	4,660	1,513	1,679	6.612	6,339
Moorshedabad	..	...	48	56	66	81	57	24	6	8	37	47	1,492	1.459	1,467	1.402	147	153	3,320	3,230	1.202	758	4,522	3,988
Mymensingh	...	...	164	200	504	216	167	167	10	7	64	46	2,541	2,081	3,973	3,855	274	232	7,697	6 804	1.047	1,051	8,744	7,855
Noakhally	...	...	48	15	135	107	72	38	9	7	9	6	1,698	1,699	939	922	136	117	3.046	2,911	680	365	3,726	3,276
Nuddea	...	..	63	58	134	109	118	104	135	27	86	68	1,788	1,839	1,774	1,686	81	61	4,179	3,952	1,546	1.591	5,725	5.543
Patna	...	...	37	43	37	37	76	80	4	3	18	20	1,046	960	2,015	2,183	32	46	3,267	3 372	5,043	4,067	8,310	7,439
Pubna	...	...	146	169	88	121	67	42	2	10	60	54	866	992	1,155	1,216	103	106	2,487	2,710	696	719	3,183	3,429
Bogra	...	...	50	46	128	62	31	33	5	3	12	7	453	541	543	1,019	67	93	1.289	1,804	317	335	1,606	2,139
Purnea	...	...	34	38	66	90	51	50	9	6	6	4	920	957	1,775	1,919	81	96	2,942	3,160	698	562	3,640	3,722
Rajshahye	..	...	60	69	31	49	31	40	5	1	22	44	503	624	1,267	1,356	77	86	1,996	2,269	336	577	2,332	2,846
Maldah	...	...	49	36	43	39	27	34	2	9	71	50	264	293	451	462	18	19	925	942	541	556	1,466	1,498
Rungpore	...		67	47	51	57	69	54	4	9	15	13	1,166	908	1,645	1,701	174	151	3.191	2,940	349	442	3,540	3.382
Julpaigoori		..	23	14	34	47	43	55	4	2	18	5	331	326	1.147	1,179	92	74	1,692	1,702	247	259	1,939	1,961
Sarun	1	...	79	75	232	120	168	121	8	4	258	320	845	1,092	1.855	1,936	36	40	3,482	3,708	1,280	1,622	4,762	5,330
Chumparun	...	...	50	52	31	48	86	66		3	3	13	1,010	865	1 652	1,931	39	49	2,871	3,027	657	1,222	3,528	4,249
Shahabad	...	...	101	127	111	110	115	157	14	6	56	42	1,390	1,268	1,860	1,872	60	64	3,697	3 646	1,016	966	4,713	4,612
Tipperah	...	...	167	150	188	156	55	54	19	8	26	39	2,298	2,590	1,940	1,890	100	106	4,793	4,993	696	893	5,489	5 886
Mozufferpore	...	...	66	41	69	104	94	60	3	8	28	6	647	860	1,314	1,136	22	38	2,243	2.253	2,333	2,849	4.576	5,102
Durbhunga	.	...	70	69	94	104	86	87	16	2	29	9	364	386	1,977	1,899	27	16	2,663	2,572	1.809	1,865	4,472	4,437
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	104	89	245	139	186	92	26	10	204	583	4,412	4,543	2,538	2,639	285	348	8,000	8 443	8,223	13,279	16,223	21,722
Hazaribagh	...	...	6	21	34	42	20	63	6	26	9	52	318	362	1,151	1,287	24	27	1 568	1,880	433	359	2,001	2,239
Lohardugga	...	...	22	29	86	51	84	85	3	2	3	12	685	585	1,352	1,650	41	28	2,276	2,442	538	676	2,814	3,118
Manbhoom	...	...	34	32	96	283	63	86	3	4	32	18	356	379	1,037	1,143	51	45	1 672	1,990	309	411	1,981	2,401
Singbhoom	...	...	2	4	13	14	17	37	1	...		10	124	111	232	346	37	19	426	541	210	157	636	698
TOTAL	2	1	2,902	2,859	5,175	4,717	3,258	3,130	447	365	1,878	2,434	53,393	51,258	63,802	65,757	4,073	4,225	134,940	134,746	53,612	62,502	188,552	197,248
Calcutta	..	...	255	258	30	18	28	29	34	16	4,170	5,179	2,654	2,769	1,871	1,874	690	626	9,732	10,769	35,655	39,003	45,387	49,772
GRAND TOTAL	2	1	3,157	3,117	5,205	4,735	3,286	3,159	481	381	6,048	7,613	55,757	54,027	65,673	67,631	4,763	4,851	144,672	145,515	89,267	101,505	233,939	247,020

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Showing in detail for each Class the Number of Persons convicted in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences by or relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting public health, &c., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under special laws.		Grand Total.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge	...	...	324	377	169	209	42	68	9	5	23	22	493	571	553	489	8	18	1,621	1,759	4,007	2,581	5,628	4,340
Beerbhoom	...	...	62	71	72	63	27	27	1	3	62	58	313	284	308	444	11	27	856	977	517	452	1,373	1,429
Bhagulpore	...	...	223	93	77	87	35	33	12	17	40	46	243	270	456	751	12	18	1,098	1,315	577	1,162	1,675	2,477
Monghyr	...	...	160	222	255	195	91	75	9	5	48	63	222	312	710	882	15	19	1,510	1,773	1,121	1,053	2,631	2,826
Burdwan	...	...	151	124	113	56	55	36	3	6	44	57	361	329	384	414	30	35	1,141	1,057	1,548	2,681	2,689	3,738
Bankura	...	...	89	120	64	96	9	9	1	3	17	33	120	134	170	122	4	2	474	519	375	413	849	932
Chittagong	...	...	177	159	59	31	31	40	1	2	26	22	359	281	327	345	10	10	990	890	490	474	1,480	1,364
Cuttack	...	...	143	113	96	72	45	50	1	14	61	33	423	416	652	713	27	21	1,448	1,432	1,467	1,367	2,915	2,799
Pooree	...	...	53	77	52	7	29	22	3	3	146	12	183	188	479	530	12	9	957	848	1,090	704	2,047	1,552
Balasore	...	...	51	55	27	55	18	21	8	7	19	11	215	265	269	274	14	12	621	700	206	289	827	989
Dacca	...	...	364	341	151	143	45	48	9	14	40	109	692	788	592	453	14	22	1,907	1,918	1,074	982	2,981	2,900
Dinagepore	...	...	132	112	141	84	85	21	2	4	235	116	252	253	503	494	14	13	1,364	1,097	823	721	2,187	1,818
Darjeeling	...	...	42	6	12	5	21	27	2	4	38	19	79	63	507	373	16	24	717	521	1,318	1,084	2,035	1,605
Furreedpore	...	...	392	572	281	272	34	44	13	7	18	21	669	549	467	450	13	21	1,887	1,936	596	1,023	2,483	2,959
Gya	...	...	90	245	164	186	66	98	9	4	29	54	390	383	780	897	17	29	1,545	1,896	1,233	1,501	2,778	3,397
Hooghly	...	...	140	88	58	271	33	28	2	5	21	53	675	564	414	457	19	34	1,362	1,500	1,508	2,186	2,870	3,686
Howrah	...	...	78	89	82	137	8	32	6	3	12	46	454	238	483	380	38	41	1,161	966	3,174	4,419	4,335	5,385
Jessore	...	1	198	193	211	119	46	29	4	8	39	74	443	424	379	335	16	20	1,336	1,203	820	836	2,156	2,039
Khoolna	...	...	158	243	74	107	10	35	1	7	10	54	393	348	246	316	3	10	895	1,120	332	520	1,227	1,640
Midnapore	...	...	248	367	354	261	40	69	7	13	98	93	461	501	615	686	47	47	1,870	2,037	1,301	1,614	3,171	3,651
Moorshedabad	...	...	149	106	85	76	31	13	3	4	23	54	459	448	516	598	44	34	1,310	1,333	993	546	2,303	1,879
Mymensingh	...	...	313	374	592	205	72	78	5	5	83	74	942	911	865	1,025	17	28	2,889	2,700	836	926	3,725	3,626
Noakhally	...	...	196	70	122	95	64	38	2	5	13	5	287	231	359	324	21	19	1,064	837	330	166	1,394	1,003
Nuddea	...	...	191	209	105	141	79	54	119	21	119	76	606	614	830	499	13	14	2,062	1,628	1,269	1,252	3,331	2,880
Patna	...	...	66	70	33	25	55	40	...	1	10	10	368	312	553	605	12	9	1,097	1,072	4,760	4,208	5,857	5,280
Pubna	...	...	150	221	104	125	33	16	1	8	112	72	253	254	253	289	15	12	921	997	600	590	1,521	1,587
Bogra	...	...	126	68	124	55	23	23	5	...	25	15	152	192	311	267	6	6	772	626	244	229	1,016	855
Purnea	...	...	88	64	75	99	20	23	8	3	4	...	236	191	463	405	10	11	904	796	416	267	1,320	1,063
Rajshahye	...	...	173	191	30	62	21	15	1	1	27	75	289	368	472	598	27	27	1,040	1,337	409	587	1,449	1,924
Maldah	...	...	111	68	63	33	7	17	...	8	105	63	176	164	305	272	19	6	786	631	574	582	1,360	1,213
Rungpore	...	...	139	113	31	46	38	36	3	3	11	10	423	383	636	545	24	27	1,305	1,163	324	338	1,629	1,501
Julpaigoori	...	...	25	31	43	39	22	38	4	1	10	4	129	149	270	343	6	10	509	615	224	254	733	869
Sarun	1	...	265	127	257	153	96	63	4	2	254	260	475	496	892	968	13	13	2,257	2,142	1,170	1,430	3,427	3,572
Champarun	...	...	129	152	28	33	52	35	...	2	...	13	184	184	554	596	8	14	955	1,029	297	780	1,252	1,809
Shahabad	...	...	258	265	130	112	82	95	7	2	64	28	474	490	690	923	20	13	1,725	1,928	720	790	2,445	2,718
Tipperah	...	...	508	431	284	170	28	36	11	14	32	35	657	669	703	608	10	9	2,233	1,972	464	727	2,697	2,699
Mozufferpore	...	...	140	114	43	116	46	22	2	3	10	2	189	246	497	433	7	4	934	940	2,093	2,361	3,027	3,301
Durbhunga	...	...	216	277	99	98	61	61	11	2	32	9	165	187	615	555	4	3	1,203	1,192	2,174	1,980	3,377	3,172
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	306	284	195	111	92	40	20	7	246	882	1,568	1,721	1,214	1,257	75	115	3,716	4,337	9,228	14,550	12,944	18,887
Hazaribagh	...	...	15	80	30	70	10	62	5	24	10	46	151	198	368	708	8	11	597	1,199	383	360	980	1,559
Lohardugga	...	...	33	71	100	31	47	70	2	1	2	4	285	231	691	651	18	12	1,178	1,071	519	559	1,697	1,630
Manbhoom	...	...	125	131	90	363	30	43	3	1	62	28	254	231	382	556	25	15	971	1,368	345	497	1,316	1,865
Singbhoom	...	...	10	3	10	18	7	16	1	...	...	11	64	61	113	233	23	12	228	354	196	149	424	503
TOTAL	1	1	7,007	7,257	5,185	4,732	1,786	1,746	320	252	2,280	2,692	16,226	16,132	21,846	23,063	765	856	55,416	56,731	52,145	60,190	107,561	116,921
Calcutta	...	...	582	611	15	15	25	15	29	17	6,168	7,869	978	830	1,378	1,324	110	75	9,285	10,756	31,707	38,327	40,992	49,083
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	7,589	7,868	5,200	4,747	1,811	1,761	349	269	8,448	10,561	17,204	16,962	23,224	24,387	875	931	64,701	67,487	83,852	98,517	148,553	166,004

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Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1887-88.

DISTRICTS	Courts of Session						Courts of Magistrates.					
	Brought to trial		Disposed of.		Pending		Brought to trial		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1887.	1888	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888	1887	1888	1887	1888.
Backergunge	63	73	61	67	6	11	3,848	3,653	3,812	3,649	133	135
Beerbhoom	31	33	30	31	4	5	1,731	1,625	1,740	1,665	55	19
Bhagulpore	32	40	29	43	8	4	1,968	3,032	1,964	2,988	56	97
Monghyr	49	40	50	39	2	3	2,988	2,880	2,965	2,873	102	105
Burdwan	27	20	32	19	4	4	3,348	4,675	3,402	4,605	67	131
Bankura	16	17	18	17	1	1	1,039	1,187	1,088	1,191	51	47
Chittagong	20	42	17	41	5	6	1,859	1,925	1,937	1,923	83	82
Cuttack	27	20	25	19	9	10	3,366	3,503	3,387	3,480	117	136
Pooree	13	15	9	15	6	6	2,146	1,667	2,146	1,694	69	41
Balasore	8	26	7	25	1	2	1,136	1,257	1,134	1 267	45	32
Dacca	55	46	61	44	5	4	3,509	3,421	3,560	3,408	147	160
Dinagepore	41	54	35	60	12	6	2,675	2,450	2,640	2,427	90	102
Darjeeling	25	21	24	20	..	1	2,075	1,691	2,103	1,677	8	17
Furreedpore	51	60	48	60	7	7	2,594	2,881	2,562	2,797	94	177
Gya	46	59	45	60	10	6	3,325	3,600	3,330	3,683	76	86
Hooghly	40	23	44	24	6	5	3,813	4,349	3,772	4,349	100	93
Howrah	28	11	28	12	2	1	4,673	5,853	4,732	5,857	71	64
Jessore	46	39	57	32	3	10	2,844	2,816	2,792	2,772	114	157
Khoolna	28	43	25	41	3	5	1,446	1,854	1,432	1,837	115	129
Midnapore	52	42	48	48	11	4	4,333	4,476	4,281	4,502	136	101
Moorshedabad	20	19	22	18	2	3	2,827	2 466	2,840	2,451	52	65
Mymensingh	75	93	77	85	7	14	4,559	4,511	4,542	4 404	165	266
Noakhally	16	26	16	27	2	1	1,876	1,554	1,938	1,566	64	52
Nuddea	35	37	36	43	8	3	3,556	3,294	3,559	3,290	59	62
Patna	68	71	70	74	12	7	6,408	5,565	6,380	5,556	85	91
Pubna	32	47	39	44	8	8	1,810	1,996	1,822	1,965	87	117
Bogra	22	19	20	21	2	...	1,198	1,266	1,176	1,232	41	75
Purnea	22	27	24	29	3	1	1,720	1,634	1,710	1,593	68	104
Rajshahye	38	41	41	35	...	6	1,588	1,966	1,588	1,974	48	36
Maldah	14	11	13	11	1	2	1,471	1,498	1,460	1,485	48	56
Rungpore	53	48	51	51	9	4	2,022	2,123	1,983	2,146	83	58
Julpaigoori	22	18	20	23	6	..	986	965	969	978	45	27
Sarun	61	53	60	41	3	15	3,990	4,624	4,105	4,589	31	65
Chumparun	25	36	23	38	3	1	2,314	2,850	2,383	2,842	57	54
Shahabad	43	40	41	44	8	4	3,229	3,272	3,217	3,274	105	99
Tipperah	38	38	34	36	5	7	2,624	2,709	2,616	2,662	82	128
Mozufferpore	39	44	28	56	14	1	3,612	3,902	3,576	3,935	93	59
Durbhunga	39	31	41	27	3	7	3,240	3,057	3,238	3,069	57	44
24 Pergunnahs	90	106	91	98	5	13	12,140	17,425	12,117	17,417	136	121
Hazaribagh	21	33	19	28	3	7	1,255	1,602	1,250	1,602	31	30
Lohardugga	47	34	37	39	16	11	2,051	1,933	1,998	1,934	113	106
Manbhoom	23	22	22	21	2	3	1,440	1,882	1,459	1,849	54	81
Singbhoom	4	10	7	8	1	2	480	525	477	509	12	28
TOTAL	1,548	1,628	1,525	1,614	228	221	121,162	131,417	121,082	130,866	3,345	3,730
Calcutta	49	46	47	49	7	3	33,966	39,035	33,941	39,038	50	43
GRAND TOTAL	1,597	1,674	1,572	1,663	235	224	155,128	170,452	155,023	169,904	3,395	3,773

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Showing the Number of Persons concerned in Cases decided under the miscellaneous provision of the Criminal Procedu re Code during 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI6 and section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	Total Persons.
	Persons	Persons	Persons.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons	Persons.	
Backergunge	...	2,865	157	72	12	30	...	3	58	3,185
Beerbhoom	...	61	27	...	3	4	...	15	10	117
Bhagulpore	6	128	62	...	13	26	2	1	54	279
Monghyr	...	267	77	...	33	22	1	5	82	474
Burdwan	...	28	15	20	11	12	...	40	36	151
Bankura	...	88	24	7	13	2	...	9	11	141
Chittagong	...	112	5	3	4	17	...	11	8	156
Cuttack	...	56	7	13	1	13	...	4	82	175
Pooree	...	14	5	64	...	7	...	...	24	114
Balasore	1	30	8	1	1	20	...	1	16	77
Dacca	...	585	39	5	5	33	...	18	12	692
Dinagepore	1	59	136	1	1	11	...	8	23	239
Darjeeling	1	11	5		...	4	...	5	11	37
Furreedpore	...	923	29	2	9	7	...	7	24	992
Gya	...	202	92	8	16	19	...	7	15	343
Hooghly	1	240	16	32	7	24	6	45	33	397
Howrah	...	153	18	...	...	24	...	25	53	273
Jessore	...	288	23	35	1	7	...	17	23	393
Khoolna	3	242	23	8	7	4	...	6	35	321
Midnapore	...	455	59	39	8	22	12	33	122	742
Moorshedabad	...	97	9	...	5	10	2	21	22	161
Mymensingh	...	417	131	26	17	36	3	38	88	739
Noakhally	...	66	27	55	6	20	...	4	12	184
Nuddea	...	93	27	12	3	13	19	40	41	245
Patna	...	131	45	4	31	13	5	5	30	233
Pubna	...	242	65	..	5	8		30	111	456
Bogra	...	38	7	1	1	2	1	23	19	91
Purnea	...	72	16	. .	5	12	...	...	6	106
Rajshahye	...	151	39	1	7	9	...	19	35	254
Maldah	...	124	14	1	3	...	2	2	3	146
Rungpore	...	79	36	4	3	17	...	10	14	160
Julpaigoori	...	16	10	1	2	5	...	2	16	50
Sarun	...	317	126	7	24	86	1	26	31	594
Chumparun	...	78	22	.	8	37	...	5	16	158
Shahabad	...	147	93	164	29	20	...	14	81	519
Tipperah	...	678	33	185	21	26	...	20	25	967
Mozuffarpore	...	81	75	1	8	20	...	1	14	192
Durbhunga	1	58	56	152	8	10	...	3	35	315
24-Pergunnahs	1	266	91	20	4	40	...	103	42	563
Hazaribagh	3	32	21		2	4	5	4	13	82
Lohardugga	...	56	25	...	20	7	2	1	91	182
Manbhoom	...	247	64	...	9	5	...	13	95	424
Singbhoom	...	8	15	. .	6	3	...	3	4	33
TOTAL	18	10,301	1,894	944	374	711	61	647	1,576	16,152
Calcutta	...	73	6	.	...	62	...	263	11	415
GRAND TOTAL	18	10,374	1,900	944	374	773	61	910	1,587	16,567

N.B.—Besides the persons shown in this statement there were two cases for the detention of abducted females, under Chapter XLVI, Section 511 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which resulted in the discharge of two persons.

G

Showing the Results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1888 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. convicted of the persons shown in columns 3 and 4 added to those whose cases were referred under Section 374, C. P. C.
Backergunge	143	47	73	1	1	21	60·16
Beerbhoom	65	39	16	...	1	9	29·
Bhagulpore	75	31	36	1	1	6	54·41
Monghyr	77	23	43	4	...	7	67·14
Burdwan	31	11	10	5	1	4	47·6
Bankura	33	17	13	2	...	1	46·87
Chittagong	63	13	41	1	...	8	76·36
Cuttack	84	9	13	...	...	62	59·09
Pooree	35	8	11	...	1	15	61·11
Balasore	64	26	36	...	...	2	58·06
Dacca	102	48	40	9	1	4	45 45
Dinagepore	125	55	60	3	...	7	53·38
Darjeeling	39	8	30	...	...	1	78·9
Furreedpore	169	71	85	1	...	12	54·77
Gya	112	29	72	...	2	9	71·2
Hooghly	39	14	13	3	...	9	48·1
Howrah	19	8	9	...	1	1	52·9
Jessore	91	49	29	...	...	13	37·1
Khoolna	72	39	25	...	...	8	39·06
Midnapore	114	37	67	...	1	9	64·4
Moorshedabad	28	16	5	3	...	4	23·8
Mymensingh	222	52	126	...	2	42	70·7
Noakhally	39	18	18	1	...	2	51·35
Nuddea	82	35	41	3	...	3	53·9
Patna	173	83	61	10	5	14	42·75
Pubna	155	73	66	...	3	13	47·4
Bogra	33	16	17	...	...	...	51·5
Purnea	60	22	34	2	1	1	62·06
Rajshahye	80	24	47	...	...	9	66·1
Maldah	18	9	4	1	...	4	35·71
Rungpore	89	35	37	6	2	9	55·12
Julpaigoori	70	36	34	...	...	...	48·5
Sarun	85	34	34	1	...	16	50 72
Chumparun	65	19	42	2	1	1	69·84
Shahabad	88	22	53	...	...	13	70·6
Tipperah	97	25	63	1	...	8	72·91
Mozufferpore	78	42	34	...	1	1	44·7
Durbhunga	41	18	16	...	...	7	47·
24-Pergunnahs	184	69	94	1	1	19	57·92
Hazaribagh	72	25	34	...	1	12	57·6
Lohardugga	82	22	35	1	1	23	62 06
Manbhoom	49	10	15	1	...	23	61 53
Singbhoom	12	5	3	...	1	3	37·5
TOTAL	3,454	1,292	1,635	63	29	435	56·32
Calcutta	79	28	48	...	...	3	63 1
GRAND TOTAL	3,533	1,320	1,683	63	29	438	56·4

H

Showing the Results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1888 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number, per cent., of persons entered in columns 3 and 4, who were convicted.
Backergunge	7,254	2,599	4,267	136	9	243	62·1
Beerbhoom	2,467	978	1,412	53	2	22	59·
Bhagulpore	4,312	1,638	2,440	76	6	152	59·8
Monghyr	5,156	2,036	2,782	66	6	266	57·7
Burdwan	5,930	1,953	3,726	25	6	220	65.6
Bankura	1,725	700	917	32	3	73	56·7
Chittagong	3,000	1,500	1,322	56	4	118	46·8
Cuttack	5,316	2,228	2,786	81	8	213	55·5
Pooree	2,981	1,502	1,541	30	4	104	54·2
Balasore	1,943	791	953	66	10	123	54·6
Dacca	5,325	2,033	2,855	99	5	333	58·4
Dinagepore	3,344	1,293	1,754	131	13	153	57·5
Darjeeling	2,086	434	1,575	39	8	30	78·3
Furreedpore	5,399	1,980	2,874	159	14	372	59·2
Gya	5,114	1,513	3,325	98	9	139	68·3
Hooghly	5,768	1,897	3,671	34	10	156	65·9
Howrah	7,205	1,724	5,375	21	3	82	75·7
Jessore	4,264	1,892	2,010	88	4	270	51·5
Khoolna	3,128	1,149	1,615	69	5	290	58 4
Midnapore	6,729	2,813	3,584	117	10	205	56·
Moorshedabad	3,326	1,316	1,872	26	3	109	58·7
Mymensingh	6,587	2,433	3,500	224	13	417	58·9
Noakhally	2,066	970	984	36	...	76	50·3
Nuddea	4,489	1,491	2,839	64	3	92	65·5
Patna	7,547	1,990	5,216	161	6	174	72·3
Pubna	3,314	1,378	1,521	133	3	279	52·4
Bogra	1,718	747	837	31	...	103	52·8
Purnea	2,426	1,141	1,027	61	10	187	47·3
Rajshahye	3,198	1,170	1,877	82	6	63	61·6
Maldah	2,243	923	1,208	17	5	90	56·7
Rungpore	3,007	1,367	1,462	78	4	96	51·6
Julpaigoori	1,615	687	835	39	12	42	54·9
Sarun	6,957	3,167	3,537	89	4	160	52·7
Chumparun	3,755	1,808	1,765	80	15	87	49·3
Shahabad	5,762	2,804	2,665	100	8	185	48·7
Tipperah	4,689	1,742	2,634	94	2	217	60·1
Mozufferpore	5,155	1,677	3,267	58	1	152	66:
Durbhunga	4,535	1,232	3,156	40	4	103	71·9
24-Pergunnahs	23,069	3,893	18,791	176	26	183	82·8
Hazaribagh	2,516	829	1,525	108	4	50	64·7
Lohardugga	3,257	1,373	1,594	66	23	201	53·7
Manbhoom	3,861	1,729	1,849	80	9	194	51·6
Singbhoom	831	285	500	11	6	29	63·6
TOTAL	194,369	68,635	115,245	3,330	306	6,853	62·5
Calcutta	54,124	4,954	49,035	70	6	59	90·8
GRAND TOTAL	248,493	73,589	164,280	3,400	312	6,912	68·9

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Criminal lunatics	Number of Persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under Trial				
		In custody	On bail.	On recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months	Over three months	Over six months.
Backergunge	11	27	137	68	...	210	17	4	1	...
Beerbhoom	2	5	13	2	...	17	3	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	3	34	101	14	...	124	23	1	1	...
Monghyr	...	43	188	29	6	209	46	11	...	...
Burdwan	9	20	187	1	3	154	52	4	1	...
Bankura	...	4	69	...	...	44	16	12	1	...
Chittagong	2	10	59	47	...	94	9	10	3	...
Cuttack	1	17	137	30	...	157	25	2	...	...
Pooree	1	17	66	17	3	101	..	2	...	...
Balasore	4	4	58	...	...	54	2	3	3	...
Dacca	2	32	208	1	...	192	111	27	1	...
Dinagepore	...	25	126	2	..	132	20	1	...	...
Darjeeling	...	12	9	...	9	27	...	1	1	1
Furreedpore	2	41	280	47	2	255	100	9	6	...
Gya	1	36	73	20	9	112	15	7	4	...
Hooghly	3	19	130	3	1	142	10	1	...	...
Howrah	...	12	47	21	2	75	7	...	...	...
Jessore	1	6	208	27	37	240	33	4	1	...
Khoolna	8	16	261	5	...	221	49	11	1	...
Midnapore	5	23	152	23	2	194	5	1	...	...
Moorshedabad	3	6	90	7		103	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	21	38	347	10	1	322	67	7	...	...
Noakhally	...	3	67	5	1	71	5	...	...	...
Nuddea	3	12	67	10	...	74	13	...	2	...
Patna	5	43	110	16	...	118	37	14	...	...
Pubna	2	18	238	21	...	152	96	26	3	...
Bogra	1	10	81	9	2	101	1	...	...	...
Purnea	...	37	144	6	...	157	25	4	1	...
Rajshahye	...	4	57	2	...	61	2	...	...	...
Maldah	...	5	85	...	..	85	5	...	...	...
Rungpore	5	11	79	1	...	71	19	1	...	...
Julpaigoori	1	12	24	5	..	35	4	2	...	...
Sarun	4	28	107	21	...	99	29	28	...	...
Chumparun	...	15	62	10	...	66	12	6	3	...
Shahabad	...	25	143	10	7	162	21	1	1	...
Tipperah	11	11	165	30	...	176	20	10	..	...
Mozufferpore	1	10	124	17	...	66	61	24	...	...
Durbhunga	...	13	85	6	...	75	2	26	1	...
24-Pergunnahs	12	30	89	48	4	146	20	4	1	...
Hazaribagh	1	5	41	3	...	45	4	...	...	...
Lohardugga	...	16	168	16	...	123	69	8	...	...
Manbhoom	...	6	157	30	1	169	24	1	...	...
Singbhoom	1	8	16	4	...	28	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	126	769	5,145	644	90	5,259	1,079	273	36	1

J

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and of Magistrates in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as Expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge	572	504	17,115	16,922	372	608	80	248
Beerbhoom	234	268	6,704	6,300	335	328	163	226
Bhagulpore	250	296	8,651	10,473	493	749	235	499
Monghyr	260	271	12,962	12,372	140	245	219	528
Burdwan	199	173	9,622	10,276	262	239	752	984
Bankura	268	219	4,802	4,208	445	283	780	1,220
Chittagong	182	378	8,537	7,133	199	349	914	1,112
Cuttack	240	149	9,737	10,581	227	311	682	650
Pooree	95	102	6,775	5,908	97	454	109	134
Balasore	73	288	4,832	5,260	131	460	22	58
Dacca	426	350	14,999	13,167	908	963	1,155	979
Dinagepore	351	440	9,256	8,595	286	258	403	506
Darjeeling	182	110	3,722	2,996	379	177	67	24
Furreedpore	433	635	11,765	12,261	667	846	295	471
Gya	360	478	12,293	12,689	166	677	99	947
Hooghly	276	216	11,987	13,421	276	412	878	898
Howrah	168	64	10,139	8,863	146	73	307	401
Jessore	341	214	10,419	11,915	567	210	591	816
Khoolna	162	269	6,509	7,473	309	471	150	205
Midnapore	495	514	11,491	15,116	641	934	442	778
Moorshedabad	163	146	11,425	9,681	259	248	229	664
Mymensingh	665	754	18,171	18,128	739	558	240	260
Noakhally	155	271	8,229	7,205	61	157	431	497
Nuddea	251	297	10,863	11,242	368	471	394	867
Patna	496	556	10,459	12,739	505	473	278	412
Pubna	291	428	8,853	9,920	516	547	140	260
Bogra	199	166	5,700	5,799	122	27	15	37
Purnea	150	232	7,468	5,948	99	211	139	182
Rajshahye	222	220	7,794	9,876	135	210	156	516
Maldah	105	92	4,571	4,100	63	11	109	151
Rungpore	397	344	10,004	9,668	741	910	397	142
Julpaigoori	145	255	3,701	3,967	143	266	106	133
Sarun	462	339	13,188	12,958	107	208	524	216
Chumparun	117	270	6,861	7,960	49	96	94	85
Shahabad	248	321	11,747	12,991	191	285	315	914
Tipperah	384	393	12,803	12,940	388	450	457	487
Mozufferpore	133	256	7,436	7,019	32	163	246	292
Durbhunga	206	133	8,387	9,050	120	59	93	191
24-Pergunnahs	435	502	22,675	24,489	427	730	675	217
Hazaribagh	152	319	4,949	7,222	56	246	180	1,006
Lohardugga	233	255	7,447	6,669	143	144	67	208
Manbhoom	244	137	6,951	8,918	122	97	208	770
Singbhoom	58	45	1,642	1,984	34	44	117	46
Total	11,478	12,669	403,641	416,354	12,472	15,658	13,953	20,240
Calcutta	474	442	..	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	11,952	13,111	403,641	416,354	12,472	15,658	13,953	20,240

K

Showing the Detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1888.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day
Backergunge	167	486	72	174	17,311	3,575	842	310
Beerbhoom	175	76	58	32	7,569	630	227	29
Bhagulpore	386	58	32	...	10,331	1,908	519	80
Monghyr	414	117	4	...	11,231	4,615	1,704	1,018
Burdwan	142	88	...	17	9,495	3,287	1,036	457
Bankura	94	70	50	91	3,856	898	395	225
Chittagong	302	205	129	49	7,456	2,050	1,024	242
Cuttack	115	30	10	25	10,689	1,704	575	144
Pooree	86	33	16	16	5,895	652	134	77
Balasore	109	94	116	102	6,096	589	113	...
Dacca	257	193	141	135	14,215	2,864	1,265	1,966
Dinagepore	362	160	68	12	6,799	2,951	1,631	422
Darjeeling	91	49	...	...	3,408	484	83	9
Furreedpore	180	164	134	727	13,199	2,128	532	316
Gya	380	76	1	76	13,778	3,267	694	54
Hooghly	148	75	59	...	15,238	2,994	300	35
Howrah	84	19	...	...	9,247	2,321	414	148
Jessore	288	86	17	...	11,588	3,180	839	118
Khoolna	459	102	3	...	7,549	1,993	453	14
Midnapore	575	120	24	...	18,615	2,803	767	193
Moorshedabad	88	82	25	23	9,279	1,830	566	44
Mymensingh	809	232	25	124	17,164	5,859	1,785	311
Noakhally	276	111	21	35	6,939	2,491	735	440
Nuddea	363	84	32	48	12,351	1,276	227	59
Patna	274	208	202	298	12,383	3,591	908	190
Pubna	236	230	109	270	7,973	3,402	1,333	943
Bogra	148	54	61	11	6,360	2,283	753	90
Purnea	241	22	4	3	4,832	1,973	528	107
Rajshahye	291	52	13	41	10,606	1,691	401	54
Maldah	113	16	5	51	3,044	1,462	295	...
Rungpore	397	106	94	34	9,632	2,488	494	235
Julpaigoori	252	107	96	3	3,565	1,304	489	197
Sarun	223	80	139	34	13,402	3,035	604	12
Chumparun	243	84	55	37	8,596	2,031	272	31
Shahabad	274	133	40	47	14,172	3,003	938	290
Tipperah	251	234	82	47	15,752	4,198	744	254
Mozufferpore	369	13	13	...	7,720	1,427	309	47
Durbhunga	173	44	...	...	8,265	2,325	483	201
24-Pergunnahs	629	229	80	11	23,893	4,236	477	24
Hazaribagh	152	137	61	18	6,819	1,591	451	216
Lohardugga	187	68	3	31	6,318	853	218	190
Manbhoom	89	79	6	6	7,097	1,719	529	208
Singbhoom	30	21	...	...	1,959	398	121	107
TOTAL	10,925	4,727	2,106	2,628	420,686	100,262	27,201	10,107

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Showing the Total Amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1887 and 1888, the Amount realised, and the Amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
	Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised		Amount paid by way of Compensation.		Total Amount of Fines.		Amount realised.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
	1887.	1888	1887	1888	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.	1887	1888.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	2,050	1,430	1,256	1,510	...	150	19,856	25,041	17,646	23,619	902	1,290
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	..	...	...	7,159	10,251	6,124	8,363	293	608
Bhagulpore	140	650	10	55	...	50	12,573	13,275	9,927	11,037	689	1,456
Monghyr	415	900	114	400	...	110	17,590	16,009	16,269	14,879	268	926
Burdwan	25	350	...	350	...	50	12,593	13,336	10,878	11,260	1,371	1,332
Bankura	88	10	49	10	...	...	1,878	2,684	1,725	2,649	118	57
Chittagong	300	1,481	26	448	...	...	12,582	13,014	12,435	11,357	859	566
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,037	14,175	11,750	11,475	520	531
Pooree	...	...	...	.	...	..	12,211	10,430	10,144	6,966	908	497
Balasore	...	533	...	65	...	...	5,467	7,595	5,323	6,807	738	575
Dacca	140	...	56	6	...	...	22,296	23,579	20,185	20,533	1,232	1,651
Dinagepore	250	200	250	11	...	...	12,511	8,350	10,836	7,434	480	422
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,065	11,872	14,234	9,787	184	606
Furreedpore	...	100	..	...	...	.	18,567	25,664	16,055	16,218	499	769
Gya	30	150	57	28	...	...	17,419	21,673	15,211	17,304	1,720	1,247
Hooghly	160	...	160	1,458	...	...	12,880	20,304	11,331	18,148	631	734
Howrah	240	...	127	2	..	...	17,828	21,820	16,922	16,322	356	393
Jessore	125	25	4	45	...	...	10,314	11,960	10,214	11,722	932	1,161
Khoolna	30	25	...	5	...	...	6,607	13,153	6,507	10,496	247	264
Midnapore	10	800	11	647	...	31	14,886	18,591	14,276	17,447	1,051	2,496
Moorshedabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,068	10,762	15,016	10,727	701	603
Mymensingh	1,447	2,480	708	1,514	...	100	23,817	30,152	20,088	28,944	1,389	1,168
Noakhally	165	1,050	75	127	...	...	12,407	9,659	10,285	8,237	802	869
Nuddea	...	85	...	88	...	...	17,355	14,418	16,406	13,941	972	878
Patna	1,300	3,500	...	...	...	...	10,061	11,361	8,566	10,007	204	112
Pubna	50	200	50	250	...	...	6,785	10,068	6,198	9,083	448	567
Bogra	...	50	30	50	...	...	8,279	6,305	8,544	6,670	574	594
Purnea	20	125	...	100	...	...	10,245	10,866	8,411	9,030	810	1,283
Rajshahye	5	20	5	20	...	...	12,108	16,206	10,488	15,552	423	911
Maldah	...	20	...	20	...	...	6,633	6,367	5,89,	6,493	195	365
Rungpore	...	600	..	..	...	...	11,180	8,661	9,848	7,854	461	796
Julpaigoori	...	50	...	50	...	...	6,180	6,581	5,880	6,075	218	346
Sarun	50	...	70	...	...	...	34,087	31,460	26,160	22,870	3,635	2,631
Chumparun	...	80	...	80	...	...	12,347	9,768	9,302	8,628	344	360
Shahabad	80	341	80	221	...	125	13,627	16,873	11,911	14,530	191	457
Tipperah	...	165	100	230		...	18,518	16,991	17,815	15,219	197	239
Mozufferpore	5	...	5	...	...	..	11,837	11,327	11,556	7,503	469	333
Durbhunga	...	123	...	113	...	13	13,073	13,936	12,435	11,740	598	260
24-Pergunnahs	50	.	10	46	108	...	54,765	63,516	47,173	59,428	1,370	1,394
Hazaribagh	...	100	25	74	...	...	4,928	6,534	4,871	4,687	94	87
Lohardugga	65	...	61	32	...	...	9,764	7,364	6,759	5,591	796	413
Manbhoom	330	50	132	25	...	...	6,859	8,819	6,411	8,155	992	548
Singbhoom	..	...	...	...	...	...	1,769	3,134	1,450	3,005	117	745
Total	7,570	15,693	3,471	8,080	108	629	5,90,041	6,33,934	5,19,456	5,47,792	29,998	33,480
Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...	91,730	1,08,006	83,488	1,01,799	1,306	1,482
GRAND TOTAL	7,570	15,693	3,471	8,080	108	629	6,81,771	7,41,940	6,02,944	6,49,591	31,304	34,962

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Showing particulars of Whipping inflicted in 1888 by the

DISTRICTS.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).												II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864).						
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.								
Backergunge	2	...	3	...	6	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Beerbhoom	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
Bhagulpore	1	...	18	...	13	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	38	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Monghyr	5	...	10	...	14	...	12	1	3	...	...	1	46	...	...	2	...	...	3	5
Burdwan	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Bankura	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	...	...	7	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
Cuttack	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
Pooree	2	...	9	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	...	7	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	..	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	...	...	5	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	16	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
Dinagepore	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
Darjeeling	1	...	3	...	2	...	3	...	4	...	2	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	3	...	19	...	7	...	3	...	2	...	5	...	39	...	1	7	1	...	3	12
Hooghly	2	...	2	...	4	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...		...	...	...	...	...
Howrah	...	...	8	...	10	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	2	1	...	...	3
Jessore	2	...	2	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Khoolna	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Midnapore	1	..	4	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Moorshedabad	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	3	...	9	...	3	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	24	...	...	..	...	...	1	1
Noakhally	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	1	...	5	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Patna	4	.	6	...	9	...	2	1	1	2	2	...	27	...	...	...	3	...	4	7
Pubna	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	3	1	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Bogra	1	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	5	..	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Purnea	...	...	6	..	...	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	7	...	...	...	...		2	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Rungpore	4	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpaigoori	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Sarun	7	...	6	...	7	...	10	...	...	...	3	1	34	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
Chumparun	13	...	11	...	13	.	15	...	4	...	1	...	57	...	1	...	2	...	...	3
Shahabad	...	...	9	...	11	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	29	..	...	...	1	2	7	10
Tipperah	3	...	3	...	4	1	2	...	4	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore	1	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Durbhunga	2	...	20	..	8	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	35	...	3	5	1		...	9
24-Pergunnahs	7	...	23	...	15	...	7	1	2	...	3	...	58	...	...	2	1	...	1	4
Hazaribagh	8	...	13	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	...	...	2	...	9	...	9	...	3	...	5	...	28	...	...	...	.	...	2	2
Manbhoom	1	..	6	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom	5	...	10	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Total	81	...	262	1	205	3	113	9	46	3	29	3	756	...	5	20	22	7	34	88
Calcutta	2	...	41	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
GRAND TOTAL	83	...	303	1	208	3	113	9	46	3	29	3	802	...	5	21	23	7	34	90

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Criminal Tribunals in each District in Bengal.

III.—Inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

of stripes.

5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.	Relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.			Total number of whipping awarded.	Number of convicted persons liable to punishment under Act VI, 1864.	Percentage sentenced to whipping.
1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.		Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishment.	Percentage of whipping.			
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	4,319	·48	21	483	4·3
6	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	1,412	1·1	17	362	4·6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	2,435	1·6	42	578	7·2
...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	52	2,774	1·8	52	1,002	5·1
1	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	3 732	·16	6	303	1·9
...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	927	·53	5	118	4·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	1,347	1·2	17	284	5·9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2,790	·32	9	550	1·6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	1,535	1 09	17	531	3 2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	976	1·3	13	245	5 3
...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	2,882	·62	18	409	4·4
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	9	1,809	·49	9	448	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	1,590	·93	15	326	4·6
...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2,956	·10	3	133	2·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	1	52	3,315	1·5	52	706	7·3
...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	8	3,678	·21	8	1,500	·53
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	23	5,362	·42	23	387	5·9
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	2,025	·68	14	288	4·8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	4	1,636	·24	4	370	1·08
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	3,630	·32	12	396	3 03
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1,875	·21	4	539	·74
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	26	3,600	·71	26	518	5·01
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	1,001	·19	2	178	1·1
...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	19	2,861	·65	19	416	4·5
2	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	42	5,238	·79	42	518	8 1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1,578	·56	9	924	·97
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2	15	840	1·7	15	163	9·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	9	1,054	·84	9	336	2·6
...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	10	1,914	·51	10	523	1·9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,211	·16	2	155	1·2
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	1,488	·86	13	619	2 1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	867	·22	2	178	1·1
1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	39	3,533	1·09	39	443	8 8
2	...	4	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	69	1,740	3·2	69	608	11·3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	2,679	1·4	39	637	6·1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2,682	·62	17	1,907	·89
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	3,284	·54	18	543	3 3
2	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	48	3,124	1·5	48	489	9·7
1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	63	18,824	·33	63	1,215	5 1
...	...	6	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	31	1,528	1·9	31	732	4·2
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	33	1,597	2·02	33	585	5 6
...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	1,849	·85	16	443	3 6
...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	484	3·7	19	175	10·8
17	...	26	...	10	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	58	902	116,019	·77	902	22,273	4·05
1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	3	51	49,032	·10	51	949	5·3
18	...	28	...	10	...	4	....	...	...	1	...	61	953	165,051	·57	953	23,222	4·1

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Showing the Number of Appeals (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS.	1887						1888					
	PREFERRED		DISPOSED OF		PENDING		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF		PENDING	
	Courts of Session	District Magistrates	Courts of Session	District Magistrates	Courts of Session	District Magistrates	Courts of Session	District Magistrates	Courts of Session	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session	District Magistrates
Backergunge	281	210	287	203	6	12	353	256	349	266	10	2
Beerbhoom	97	37	99	33	...	4	76	37	75	41	1	...
Bhagulpore	145	50	141	49	6	2	132	111	128	104	10	9
Monghyr	257	163	242	162	19	3	262	115	266	114	15	4
Burdwan	107	100	86	107	23	2	120	51	140	52	3	1
Bankura	22	17	23	13	1	4	31	22	32	21	...	5
Chittagong	100	75	102	74	4	4	107	65	102	63	4	6
Cuttack	109	46	104	43	14	3	151	70	158	72	7	1
Pooree	67	84	69	79	2	7	45	90	45	92	2	5
Balasore	41	53	46	62	3	..	54	62	55	59	2	3
Dacca	270	83	270	84	10	1	263	82	268	79	5	4
Dinagepore	181	34	155	38	35	...	118	106	149	103	4	3
Darjeeling	29	19	30	18	5	2	31	1	36	3	...	...
Furreedpore	133	119	120	116	7	3	134	132	139	127	2	8
Gya	218	109	204	103	12	11	389	134	393	143	8	2
Hooghly	131	59	132	62	4	2	140	101	141	101	3	2
Howrah	108	44	113	44	2	...	120	48	120	43	2	5
Jessore	118	47	121	48	1	...	138	37	135	35	4	2
Khoolna	94	20	96	19	...	2	173	23	170	25	3	...
Midnapore	124	137	121	133	7	11	131	138	136	141	2	8
Moorshedabad	184	47	186	47	5	1	171	57	171	57	5	1
Mymensingh	274	154	275	152	10	3	343	199	336	197	17	5
Noakhally	112	127	108	123	4	8	135	136	137	134	2	10
Nuddea	212	47	202	50	16	2	206	43	218	41	4	4
Patna	194	85	193	89	4	7	233	93	231	93	4	7
Pubna	49	100	49	104	1	1	66	92	68	92	4	1
Bogra	52	47	50	56	2	1	45	60	40	54	7	7
Purnea	100	84	100	81	3	8	99	38	99	44	3	2
Rajshahye	121	63	118	55	6	9	137	88	139	92	4	5
Maldah	54	82	55	83	1	...	83	61	81	57	3	4
Rungpore	141	96	139	93	3	4	158	98	154	100	7	2
Julpaigoori	45	28	43	29	3	...	64	27	65	26	2	1
Sarun	210	128	205	127	6	2	177	151	176	148	7	5
Chumparun	112	39	115	40	2	1	98	49	98	48	2	1
Shahabad	253	100	252	98	14	5	279	188	276	181	17	12
Tipperah	171	175	162	180	11	7	190	201	196	192	5	16
Mozufferpore	161	77	168	78	4	...	146	83	144	79	6	4
Durbhunga	105	68	108	66	3	3	123	81	113	80	13	4
24-Pergunnahs	371	75	388	72	9	4	358	98	355	94	12	8
Hazaribagh	78	34	74	30	4	4	155	88	154	89	4	3
Lohardugga	121	68	119	65	4	7	119	136	120	137	3	6
Manbhoom	97	81	93	83	7	3	133	102	137	102	3	3
Singbhoom	26	11	26	11	...	...	29	30	28	30	1	...
TOTAL	5,875	3,322	5,797	3,301	283	153	6,515	3,880	6,568	3,851	222	181

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Showing the Number of Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS	1887.						1888					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts
Backergunge	33	152	34	140	...	16	41	100	38	115	3	1
Beerbhoom	31	7	32	7	1	...	49	...	49	...	1	...
Bhagulpore	33	18	32	18	3	1	44	26	42	24	5	3
Monghyr	95	28	90	28	6	1	72	11	71	11	7	1
Burdwan	88	50	87	47	4	3	60	18	61	21	3	...
Bankura	19	4	16	4	3	...	22	...	24	..	1	...
Chittagong	136	11	138	11	4	...	149	7	150	7	3	...
Cuttack	59	31	55	29	4	3	25	19	28	21	1	1
Pooree	20	22	22	21	...	2	10	17	10	18	.	1
Balasore	12		12	...	...	...	11	3	13	3	1	...
Dacca	122	42	110	42	15	..	133	48	140	43	8	5
Dinagepore	64	24	55	24	12	...	38	36	49	36	1	..
Darjeeling	6	2	6	1	...	1	6	3	4	4	2	...
Furreedpore	54	47	52	46	3	4	35	64	37	64	1	4
Gya	32	18	30	19	2		56	15	55	15	3	.
Hooghly	41	18	41	21	1	...	35	16	35	15	1	1
Howrah	12	32	11	31	1	1	8	32	9	30	...	3
Jessore	44	27	40	27	5	...	42	37	45	35	2	2
Khoolna	10	8	11	8	...	.	25	23	24	23	1	...
Midnapore	51	31	48	32	4	4	51	23	54	27	1	...
Moorshedabad	32	6	31	6	2	..	27	6	29	6	..	...
Mymensingh	128	72	127	75	6	...	112	112	109	106	9	6
Noakhally	20	58	20	99	.	3	13	85	13	88	...	...
Nuddea	53	16	52	16	1	...	35	24	36	24	...	..
Patna	85	18	83	17	4	2	86	29	86	27	3	4
Pubna	41	4	42	4	1	...	41	29	40	28	2	1
Bogra	7	61	5	58	2	3	15	56	17	58	.	1
Purnea	19	50	19	50	...	2	18	48	18	49	...	1
Rajshahye	39	23	39	19	...	5	51	21	49	23	2	3
Maldah	20	17	21	17	1	...	27	19	25	18	3	1
Rungpore	17	36	16	38	1	.	14	48	12	47	3	1
Julpaigoori	1	17	1	19	...	...	4	17	2	17	2	...
Sarun	81	52	82	51	2	1	82	51	74	51	10	1
Chumparun	19	35	17	35	2	...	10	21	12	20	...	1
Shahabad	28	98	29	99	...	4	30	138	29	135	1	7
Tipperah	37	87	36	85	2	5	41	97	42	95	1	7
Mozufferpore	69	12	74	13	...	...	56	17	53	17	3	.
Durbhunga	39	66	39	68	2	1	59	56	60	56	1	1
24-Pergunnahs	153	21	150	21	6	..	88	61	94	60	..	1
Hazaribagh	3	6	3	6	...	...	3	2	3	2	...	...
Lohardugga	21	19	21	19	...	1	12	24	12	24	...	1
Manbhoom	10	17	10	17	...	...	3	19	3	19	...	...
Singbhoom	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Total	1,886	1,403	1,841	1,388	100	63	1,743	1,478	1,757	1,482	85	59

Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on Appeal or Application for Revision, with the Results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts, 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Application for Revision.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge	857	61·03	626	73·1	204	2·8	353	76·2
Beerbhoom	146	21·15	77	51·6	76	3·07	67	67·
Bhagulpore	399	25·6	231	62·7	125	2·9	83	67·4
Monghyr	596	36·9	410	67·9	217	4·3	189	88·3
Burdwan	278	11·31	191	61·6	47	·8	116	75·8
Bankura	81	25 3	44	60·27	37	2·3	30	76·92
Chittagong	270	52·3	186	69·02	80	2·6	274	63·2
Cuttack	340	21·7	232	68·3	74	1·4	74	91·3
Pooree	285	25·02	165	61·79	43	1·44	20	45·45
Balasore	176	31·04	119	71·6	24	1·2	10	43·4
Dacca	567	43·8	378	67·02	145	2·8	306	72
Dinagepore	312	29·2	236	66 6	21	·6	104	57·7
Darjeeling	37	15·4	32	72·7	6	·2	2	20·
Furreedpore	650	46·36	464	71·1	120	2·4	156	61·9
Gya	731	33·5	547	72	119	2·3	108	77·6
Hooghly	325	14·2	238	73·6	29	·5	68	64·1
Howrah	191	5·08	143	77 7	45	·6	42	77·7
Jessore	254	31·7	155	63	70	1·7	114	70·8
Khoolna	298	44·5	188	63·2	56	1·9	84	75·
Midnapore	458	22·3	299	64·7	75	1·1	111	71·1
Moorshedabad	335	39·4	216	65·2	34	1·1	23	58 9
Mymensingh	760	47·05	523	70·3	132	2·09	307	65·4
Noakhally	365	57·6	278	74·5	29	1·3	88	38·6
Nuddea	412	36·2	285	67·05	76	1·6	75	79·7
Patna	456	16·9	312	68·2	136	1·8	140	71·4
Pubna	281	35·6	171	62·6	57	1·7	124	71·2
Bogra	137	24·9	74	59·6	47	2·8	61	93·8
Purnea	168	34·4	133	72·6	17	·7	71	63·3
Rajshahye	387	33·7	283	71·4	130	4·02	82	59 8
Maldah	208	50 4	148	75·1	82	3·8	53	71·6
Rungpore	397	54·3	274	70·9	38	1·3	51	63·7
Julpaigoori	159	28·1	100	62·5	43	2·7	37	88
Sarun	520	38·6	380	75·2	222	3·1	256	80·7
Chumparun	185	22·3	143	73·7	46	1·2	40	63·4
Shahabad	777	49·8	505	68·9	219	3·8	223	74·3
Tipperah	611	34·07	428	70·2	223	4·7	283	77·9
Mozufferpore	366	19·9	208	58·9	98	1·9	85	86·7
Durbhunga	350	33·7	211	61·3	219	4·6	159	73·9
24-Pergunnahs	638	22·4	423	67·5	203	·8	140	65 4
Hazaribagh	372	34·2	281	76·9	3	·1	3	60·
Lohardugga	454	36·4	253	55·2	45	1·4	28	66·6
Manbhoom	411	29.2	240	62·8	38	1	29	76·3
Singbhoom	74	37·3	56	76·7	1	·1	1	100·
Total	16,074	29·7	10,886	68·04	3,751	1·9	4,670	71·2

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Showing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1887 and 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for Revision.					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Backergunge	37	33	33	35	5	3	22	26	20	28	2	...
Beerbhoom	18	12	18	10	...	2	9	22	10	21	...	1
Bhagulpore	16	19	17	19	...	...	20	13	18	15	3	1
Monghyr	27	23	25	21	2	4	56	27	52	34	9	2
Burdwan	3	6	3	6	...	...	14	19	14	17	...	2
Bankura	6	9	6	9	...	...	5	6	5	7	1	...
Chittagong	15	23	16	18	...	5	22	14	24	14	...	...
Cuttack	19	18	16	25	7	...	14	4	14	4	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	5	5	1	...
Balasore	3	13	1	15	2	...	1	6	1	6	...	...
Dacca	31	19	29	20	2	1	41	33	42	32	...	1
Dinagepore	9	21	10	20	...	1	19	18	18	18	2	2
Darjeeling	10	14	5	13	5	6	1	7	1	6	...	1
Furreedpore	30	31	28	33	2	...	17	12	17	13	1	...
Gya	25	40	25	43	3	...	22	21	20	23	2	...
Hooghly	18	8	18	8	...	...	19	14	21	14	...	...
Howrah	16	8	16	7	...	1	16	9	15	11	2	...
Jessore	28	23	30	23	...	...	14	13	13	14	1	...
Khoolna	8	17	8	17	...	...	4	13	4	13	...	...
Midnapore	29	30	31	32	2	...	13	19	14	19	1	1
Moorshedabad	7	4	6	5	1	...	13	5	14	5	...	...
Mymensingh	43	36	44	39	5	2	31	19	29	21	2	...
Noakhally	9	17	8	16	1	2	13	19	14	18	1	2
Nuddea	16	21	16	22	2	1	16	10	17	10	...	...
Patna	37	34	38	33	1	2	35	28	31	34	6	...
Pubna	16	22	13	22	5	5	10	14	6	17	4	1
Bogra	9	7	7	9	3	1	1	6	1	5	..	1
Purnea	14	18	14	18	...	...	9	8	9	8	...	...
Rajshahye	10	20	10	18	...	2	14	15	14	15	...	...
Maldah	5	3	6	3	...	...	12	17	12	17	...	...
Rungpore	29	35	28	37	2	...	11	9	11	8	...	1
Julpaigoori	9	12	8	12	2	2	1	2	...	3	1	...
Sarun	26	26	27	26	...	...	32	23	31	25	3	1
Chumparun	19	18	17	20	3	1	7	6	6	7	1	...
Shahabad	18	30	19	29	...	1	19	42	18	39	1	4
Tipperah	23	26	26	27	2	1	13	12	11	15	3	...
Mozufferpore	17	12	19	13	1	...	19	6	17	8	2	...
Durbhunga	13	13	8	16	5	2	23	19	21	19	2	2
24-Pergunnahs	32	45	32	47	2	...	67	52	66	49	4	7
Hazaribagh	16	13	14	15	2	...	9	9	9	9	...	...
Lohardugga	17	24	18	24	...	...	5	7	5	7	...	...
Manbhoom	12	13	12	12	3	4	9	9	9	9	...	...
Singbhoom	2	2	3	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Rangoon	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	748	819	728	840	71	50	705	637	680	662	55	30
Calcutta	73	91	76	89	3	5	27	16	26	18	3	1
GRAND TOTAL	821	910	804	929	74	55	732	653	706	680	58	31

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Showing the Results, as affecting persons, of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1888.

DISTRICTS	Appeals						Applications for Revision					
	Rejected	Sentence affirmed	Sentence reversed	Sentence varied	Further enquiry ordered	Otherwise disposed of	Rejected	Order affirmed	Order reversed	Order varied	Further enquiry ordered	Otherwise disposed of
Backergunge	19	30	20	3	...	...	18	10	23	4	5	...
Beerbhoom	8	2	1	...	...	..	4	16	16	2	1	...
Bhagulpore	17	10	1	...	...	..	15	10	25		3	...
Monghyr	13	9	3	2	...	...	33	19	28	...	15	...
Burdwan	5	1	...	1	..	...	16	13	4	1	4	
Bankura	5	5	2	2	.	...	.	9	3	...	6	...
Chittagong	9	5	1	7	..		2	16	19	..	4	.
Cuttack	11	20	16	5	...	...	11	..	.	...	..	...
Pooree	...	..	...	...	..			2	15	.	...	...
Balasore	15	7	5	3	..		6	...	5	1	...	...
Dacca	28	1	1	...	...	.	20	29	27	6	1	...
Dinagepore	9	26	4	4	...	..	13	7	9		4	...
Darjeeling	6	8	1	1	...	...	1	1	4	...	...	..
Furreedpore	42	24	3	3	...	..	24	8	1	1	2	1
Gya	39	14	8	8	.	..	14	8	22	...	1	...
Hooghly	6	1	...	7	...	..	27	2	4	...	1	.
Howrah	4	3	...	1	...	..	3	7	4	...	1	...
Jessore	20	5	1	4	...	...	12	6	6	3	...	...
Khoolna	10	5	5	1	...	...	12	3	5	2	...	...
Midnapore	13	38	13	1	...	...	38	7	4	2	...	...
Moorshedabad	3	...	...	2	..	...	1	3	4	...	...	...
Mymensingh	22	28	8	2	4	...	19	9	18	8	...	...
Noakhally	4	9	5	1		...	16	14	5	..	...	...
Nuddea	24	4	...	3	...	...	1	9	3	6	...	...
Patna	41	6	1	1	2	...	13	24	24	3	4	...
Pubna	18	29	2	10	...	...	10	8	12	1	10	...
Bogra	10	3	7	1	..	...	1	3	3	3	..	...
Purnea	16	6	1	4	...	...	9	3	1	1	1	..
Rajshahye	13	2	7	...	..	...	9	3	27	2	...	...
Maldah	1	1	1	...	...	...	24	10	14	..		...
Rungpore	17	18	12	2	...	...	7	2	2	...	1	...
Julpaigoori	2	13	2	7	...	...	1	..	2	...	2	.
Sarun	18	8	...	7	...	...	40	35	14	14	3	...
Chumparun	14	3	...	4	...	...	8	5	...	2	16	...
Shahabad	24	14	3	2	...	...	48	26	25	8	1	...
Tipperah	23	16	20	...	...	...	9	3	14	1	10	...
Mozufferpore	10	2	..	2	..	...	26	.	9	.	2	...
Durbhunga	12	2	1	1	...	...	25	16	33	5	..	...
24-Pergunnahs	48	21	3	1		...	35	15	26	29	8	...
Hazaribagh	9	7	1	3		...	16	2	3	1	...	...
Lohardugga	20	5	3	6	...	..	7	7	...	3	...	...
Manbhoom	11	14	3	3	...	...	7	3	4	...	...	...
Singbhoom	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangoon	...	1	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	641	426	165	115	6	...	601	373	467	109	106	1
Calcutta	67	25	5	3	...	...	7	16	25	..	..	...
GRAND TOTAL	708	451	170	118	6	...	608	389	492	109	106	1

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Criminal Business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1888 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining from 1887.	Filed in 1888.	Disposed of in 1888.	Remaining at the close of 1888.
Appeals				
By persons convicted. — From the orders of the Presidency Magistrates.	3	90	88	5
By persons convicted. — Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	5	4	1
By persons convicted. — Sessions Judges . .	71	812	834	49
By the Local Government. — From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts.	...	3	3	...
Total .	74	910	929	55
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury, and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code.	3	23	25	1
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.	6	28	31	3
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred from orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	6	6	...
Total .	9	57	62	4
Revision.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Sections 432 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.	29	246	263	12
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code.				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates . .	22	361	365	18
(2) „ „ Sessions Judges .	7	46	52	1
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code.	1	35	35	1
Total .	59	688	715	32
Full Bench References	...	2	2	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court . . .	...	6	6	...
Total .	...	8	8	...
GRAND TOTAL .	142	1,663	1,714	91

Note.—Besides the above, 239 orders were passed out of Court in review of periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

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Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1888.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS					TOTAL.	CHARGES.						TOTAL.	Results plus or minus.
	In Court-fee stamps.		In cash or special stamps.				Share of officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.			
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	3,324	10,679	26,474	3,256	3,329	51,062	41,967	3,578	274	10,899	1,621	8,032	66,371	—15,309
Beerbhoom	2,739	3,150	7,755	840	126	14,610	35,653	2,109	17	6,623	419	3,785	48,606	—34,056
Bhagulpore	3,563	5,928	10,199	2,851	290	22,831	40,584	2,410	242	8,953	1,425	3,829	57,443	—34,612
Monghyr	3,735	8,068	15,455	3,899	402	31,556	29,624	2,316	510	7,945	1,947	8,816	51,158	—19,602
Burdwan	5,426	7,549	10,228	2,510	998	26,711	42,405	2,092	20	12,587	1,254	5,096	63,514	—36,803
Bankura	2,083	2,292	2,650	720	98	7,852	32,007	1,370	...	7,762	350	2,128	43,686	—35,834
Chittagong	4,681	8,273	12,105	2,231	607	27,900	40,500	2,483	306	11,570	963	8,607	64,429	—36,529
Cuttack	4,406	4,595	11,070	884	523	21,478	39,452	1,955	...	9,153	470	5,088	55,818	—34,340
Pooree	990	2,590	6,681	560	564	11,383	17,742	840	...	7,020	280	1,708	27,680	—16,297
Balasore	1,890	3,138	6,638	540	577	12,683	18,589	500	...	5,829	319	3,895	29,112	—16,429
Dacca	8,815	10,411	19,238	3,260	5,644	47,368	49,540	5,225	301	9,697	1,629	13,117	79,518	—32,150
Dinagepore	3,064	3,814	9,309	875	329	17,391	26,020	2,278	...	7,862	440	6,443	43,639	—26,248
Darjeeling	401	585	9,081	216	602	10,887	14,903	510	...	2,052	84	7,563	25,178	—3,225
Furreedpore	7,263	8,742	15,789	3,062	1,012	36,468	33,339	3,827	30	11,309	1,830	11,550	61,075	—25,507
Gya	3,483	5,727	16,305	2,887	1,375	29,777	50,809	2,050	231	10,183	1,443	8,084	72,809	—43,032
Hooghly	7,795	9,101	18,917	2,955	709	39,567	43,587	2,547	70	13,186	1,477	5,046	65,913	—26,346
Howrah	4,404	6,008	9,220	2,123	737	22,442	30,158	1,330	4	9,651	1,061	5,893	48,097	—25,655
Jessore	6,887	7,006	10,753	1,825	761	27,322	30,886	4,644	60	12,711	906	4,467	53,674	—26,352
Khoolna	4,544	4,070	10,557	1,841	1,536	23,148	33,884	2,405	60	6,509	830	5,416	49,104	—25,716
Midnapore	7,011	10,236	17,991	3,042	863	40,343	40,177	3,414	251	14,589	1,845	8,265	77,541	—37,198
Moorshedabad	4,040	5,247	10,364	1,482	518	21,671	31,441	2,332	241	12,524	790	5,807	53,135	—31,464
Mymensingh	8,746	16,059	32,149	4,519	978	62,451	50,623	6,559	264	12,720	2,251	10,221	82,638	—20,187
Noakhally	5,506	6,389	7,022	1,095	441	21,036	27,433	3,019	17	12,157	545	2,617	45,788	—24,754
Nuddea	5,158	5,715	13,302	1,195	376	25,746	52,850	2,540	7	3,797	1,902	4,827	65,119	—39,373
Patna	3,470	6,489	10,232	4,938	769	25,898	64,738	2,502	42	11,801	2,468	8,320	89,871	—63,973
Pubna	6,028	5,484	9,482	2,245	395	23,634	37,390	2,120	7	8,858	1,061	6,141	55,577	—31,943
Bogra	4,095	4,257	6,550	830	300	15,832	17,521	896	3	4,642	415	2,863	26,340	—10,508
Purnea	3,555	5,466	9,130	1,956	15,762	35,869	38,781	1,506	220	9,075	978	4,803	56,363	—20,494
Rajshahye	3,799	5,541	14,661	2,013	359	26,373	31,495	2,244	16	9,320	1,006	4,580	48,661	—22,288
Maldah	2,829	2,836	6,148	1,070	599	13,482	17,943	1,737	12	5,590	535	2,780	28,611	—15,129
Rungpore	4,240	5,915	7,854	2,151	1,354	21,514	33,691	3,448	45	12,419	1,074	6,572	57,149	—35,635
Julpaigoori	1,387	2,121	5,779	691	91	10,069	26,115	1,378	15	8,241	315	5,747	41,841	—31,772
Sarun	8,732	8,770	24,142	4,853	438	46,928	36,114	5,292	34	5,965	2,425	6,359	56,189	—9,261
Chumparun	2,407	5,057	8,300	1,418	1,911	19,213	28,491	1,607	3	5,953	708	6,578	43,340	—24,097
Shahabad	5,002	7,074	14,919	2,419	234	29,648	50,074	1,648	258	6,710	1,235	7,441	67,366	—37,718
Tipperah	11,011	6,706	15,590	1,804	407	35,518	37,836	3,609	12	10,868	902	4,820	58,107	—22,589
Mozufferpore	4,259	5,420	8,044	2,249	177	20,149	40,825	2,497	10	9,282	1,124	2,338	56,076	—35,927
Durbhunga	2,482	4,398	12,937	2,750	2,449	25,019	33,124	2,142	250	11,008	1,396	5,655	53,575	—28,556
24-Pergunnahs	11,643	14,038	59,176	3,273	964	89,094	71,234	4,918	505	20,039	1,619	4,530	1,02,845	—13,751
Hazaribagh	1,250	1,932	4,074	396	112	8,416	30,247	875	...	4,470	217	2,110	37,919	—29,503
Lohardugga	2,148	4,102	5,285	1,054	347	12,936	34,040	1,459	126	4,361	522	4,829	45,337	—32,401
Manbhoom	1,921	3,332	8,402	338	77	14,070	21,777	1,533	120	5,039	168	3,551	32,188	—17,348
Singbhoom	260	344	2,260	81	183	3,128	15,763	213	...	4,895	41	977	21,889	—18,761
TOTAL. Courts of Magistrates	1,95,645	2,49,841	5,35,412	81,292	49,072	11,11,262	11,68,014	1,00,314	3,590	3,54,366	40,944	2,19,361	18,83,589	—7,72,327
TOTAL. Courts of Session	337	5,720	8,117	5,115	312	19,601	3,66,093	3,484	993	32,513	2,575	22,112	4,27,770	—4,08,169
TOTAL	1,95,982	2,55,561	5,43,529	86,407	49,384	11,30,863	15,31,107	1,03,798	4,583	3,86,879	43,519	2,41,473	23,11,359	—11,80,496
CALCUTTA. Presidency Magistrates	...	276	1,00,439	...	6,251	1,06,966	33,000	...	...	18,428	...	1,451	52,879	+54,087
CALCUTTA. High Court	...	3,011	...	...	...	3,011	95,000	...	..	35,652	...	5,371	1,36,023	—1,33,012
GRAND TOTAL	1,95,982	2,58,848	6,43,968	86,407	55,635	12,40,840	16,59,107	1,03,798	4,583	4,40,959	43,519	2,48,295	25,00,261	—12,59,421

ANNUAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal on the last day of the year, the Work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1888.

DISTRICTS.	Area	Population	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Districts (including Sudder Division)	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS: Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES: Stipendiary	Special and Honorary Magistrates	Number of Benches of Magistrates	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED: By the High Court.	By Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates	By other Stipendiary Magistrates	By Special and Honorary Magistrates	By Bench of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED ON APPEAL: By the High Court.	By Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts
																			R	R
Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	1	11	20	4	1	67	70	3,222	23	334	35	349	266	51,062	66,371
Beerbhoom	1,756	794 428	1	2	...	1	7	18	2	..	31	8	1,423	...	234	10	75	41	14,610	48,666
Bhagulpore	4,268	1,966,158	1	4	...	1	12	65	5	1	43	16	2,151		821	19	128	104	22 831	57,443
Monghyr	3,921	1,969,774		3	...		10	60	5	1	39	6	2,208	...	659	21	266	114	31,556	51,158
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	4	...	1	11	155	11	5	19	2	2,618	...	1,985	6	110	52	26,711	63,514
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752	1	2	...	1	6	...	2	2	17	6	1,004	...	181	9	32	21	7,852	43,686
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	2	..	1	9	19	2	1	41	9	1,749	.	165	18	102	63	27,960	64,489
Cuttack	3,666	1,738,165	1	4	..	1	9	23	2	...	19	24	2,953	...	503	25	158	72	21,478	55,818
Pooree	2,473	888,487		2	...	1	6	14	3	...	15	38	1,112	...	544	...	45	92	11,383	27,680
Balasore	2,066	945,280		2	...		6	15	2	...	25	28	871	232	136	15	55	59	12,683	29,112
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	1	11	46	5	4	44	16	2,746	37	609	20	268	79	47,368	79,518
Dinagepore	4,118	1,514 346	1	2	...	1	8	16	3	4	60	67	1,607	...	753	20	149	103	17,391	43,639
Darjeeling	1,234	154,351		3	...		5	6	2	1	20	4	883	747	43	13	36	3	10,887	25,178
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	3	...	1	7	46	5	1	60	66	2,118	...	613	33	139	127	36,468	61,975
Gya	4712	2,124,682	1	4	...	1	12	30	5	...	60	30	2,463	...	1,090	43	393	143	29,777	72 809
Hooghly	1,223	1,015,005	1	3	...	2	12	80	12	3	24	3	2,839	...	1,507	8	141	101	39.567	65,913
Howrah	476	635,381		2	...		6	62	2	1	12	47	2,627	...	3,183	7	120	43	22,442	48,097
Jessore	2,925	1,939,375	1	5	...	1	10	88	11	...	32	49	1,977	...	746	23	135	35	27,322	53,674
Khoolna	2,077	1,079,948		3	...		7	29	4	...	41	281	1,269	...	287	17	170	25	23,448	49,164
Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	4	...	1	15	110	9	...	48	8	3,454	61	979	32	136	141	40,343	77,541

Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	4	...	1	8	87	5	3	18	4	1,907	..	540	5	171	57	21,671	53,135
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	5	...	1	12	52	5	...	85	34	3,398	...	972	39	336	197	62,451	82.638
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	2	...	1	8	2	1	1	27	9	1,431	14	112	16	137	134	21,036	45,788
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	5	..	1	10	90	14	1	43	56	2,301	14	939	22	218	41	25,746	65,119
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	4	..	1	9	36	6	8	74	19	2,153	...	3,384	33	231	93	25,898	89,871
Pubna	1,847	1,311,728	1	2	.	1	7	27	3	...	44	25	1,393	...	547	22	63	92	23,634	55,577
Bogra	1,495	733,393		1	..		5	29	2	1	21	38	822	15	357	9	40	54	15,832	26,340
Purnea	4,956	1,848,687	1	3	...	1	9	29	3	1	29	13	1,464	.	116	18	99	44	35,869	56,358
Rajshahye	2,364	1,339,603	1	3	...	1	9	21	3	...	35	59	1,727	104	84	18	139	92	26,373	48,661
Maldah	1,945	711,487		1	..		3	14	2	1	11	78	1,089	...	318	3	81	57	13,482	28,611
Rungpore	3,486	2,097,964	1	4	..	1	10	44	4	4	51	49	1,652	...	445	37	154	100	21,514	57,149
Julpaigoori	2,884	582,390		2	.		7	6	2	.	23	34	863	...	81	12	65	26	10,069	41,841
Sarun	2,622	2,280,382	1	3		1	10	20	3	1	41	83	3,895	...	611	26	176	148	46,928	56,189
Chumparun	3,531	1,721,608		2	..		5	...	2	2	38	...	2,428	...	414	20	98	48	19,243	43,340
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	4	..	1	13	44	5	...	41	56	2,412	10	796	29	276	181	29,648	67,366
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	3		1	6	37	3	2	36	27	2,118	174	343	27	196	192	35,518	58,107
Mozufferpore	3,003	2,582,060	1	3	—	1	10	9	4	...	56	13	2,497	...	1,425	13	144	79	20,149	56,076
Durbhunga	3,335	2,633,447		3	.		8	53	7	1	27	2	2,122	...	945	16	113	80	25,019	53,575
24-Pergunnahs	2,097	1,618,420	1	7	.	2	22	138	22	2	98	...	14,146	189	3,082	47	355	94	89,094	1,02,845
Hazaribagh	7,021	1,104,742		2	...		7	...	1	...	28	97	1,312	...	193	15	154	89	8 416	37,919
Lohardugga	12,045	1,602,244	1	2	...	1	9	2	1	1	39	38	1,717	58	121	24	120	137	12 936	45,337
Manbhoom	4,147	1,058,228		2	...		9	3	1	1	21	44	1,356	115	334	12	137	102	11,070	32,188
Singbhoom	3,753	453,775		1	...		4	2	1	.	8	154	326	—	29	2	28	30	3,128	21,889
TOTAL	138,888	64,179,344	29	130	.	31	380	1,647	196	55	1,614	1,690	95,823	1,793	31,560	839	6,568	3,851	11,30,863	23,11,359
Calcutta	8	433,219	1	2	13	..	2	101	2	49	...	.	28,802	474	9,762	89	...	...	1,09,977	1,88,902
GRAND TOTAL	138,896	64,612,563	30	132	13	31	382	1,748	198	104	1,614	1,690	124 625	2,267	41,322	928	6 568	3,851	12,40,840	25,00,26..

Th number of officers is 30 only, as the Additional Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, who is also the Additional Sessions Judge of Hooghly, is entered twice.

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					I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.											
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	2	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Offences against the public tranquillity.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful assembly	3	1,274	263	84	927	757	3,395	1,324	1,833	4	234
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, &c.	4	2,157	181	145	1,831	1,770	9,001	2,716	5,230	27	1,028
„ „ Section 160,—Affray	5	369	7	3	3	354	963	152	805	...	6
Offences by or relating to public servants.											
Chapter IX, Setions 161 to 169—By public servants	6	165	18	2	145	125	149	66	80	...	3
„ „ „ 161, 170, and 171—Relating to public servants	7	78	12	2	64	59	81	31	42	1	7
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	8	4,675	132	17	4,526	4,298	6,796	1,983	4,625	6	182
False evidence and offences against public officers.											

Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, &c., of public servants	9	819	14	1	804	772	901	401	405	6	89
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	10	2,448	70	23	2,355	2,229	2,807	1,286	1,356	11	154
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	11	135	2	8	125	120	159	72	81	1	5
" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	12	16	...	1	15	9	11	2	5	...	4
Offences relating to weights and measures.											
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	13	247	4	2	241	228	254	70	183	...	1
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals.											
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	14	333	25	1	307	288	522	158	357	1	6
" " " 279 to 289— " " safety	15	2,346	14	10	2,322	2,283	3,526	252	3,274	3	17
" " " 290 & 291— " " convenience	16	1,354	11	3	1,340	1,331	1,706	201	1,496	...	9
" " " 292 to 294— " " decency and morals	17	3,626	17	8	3,601	3,589	5,523	107	5,410	...	6
" " Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17a	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	2	...	...
Offences relating to religion.											
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	18	53	7	3	43	34	62	39	22	...	1
Offences affecting the human body.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	19	294	2	24	268	237	611	327	130	11	143
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	20	69	2	14	53	47	82	41	26	3	12
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	21	318	2	31	285	256	623	303	193	4	123
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	21*a*	65	..	5	60	57	75	29	40	...	6
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	22	15	1	1	13	12	20	15	5	....	....
" " Sections 305 & 306—Abetment of suicide	23	2	....	1	1	..	...	.	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	24	391	8	19	364	314	325	78	228	9	10
" " " 311—Thugee, &c.	25	4	...	...	4	4	9	2	1	...	6
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	26	28	2	2	24	19	35	27	8	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	27	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	28	52	1	1	50	36	39	10	22	...	7

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Offences affecting the human body—continued.											
Chapter XVI, Section 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	43	..	2	41	35	40	8	30	1	1
„ „ Sections 325 to 331 & 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	1,046	31	57	958	820	1,486	537	819	6	124
„ „ „ 323, 324, 332 & 334 to 338—Other cases	31	14,585	2,504	265	11,816	6,448	10,065	5 583	4,138	4	340
„ „ Section 341—Wrongful restraint	32	1,282	305	63	914	655	1,148	639	472	1	36
„ „ Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	33	2,709	711	219	1,779	1,246	2,325	1.583	581	11	150
„ „ „ 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	34	49,394	11,440	1,081	36,873	17,968	25,105	14,440	10,036	15	614
„ „ „ 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	111	36	6	69	60	130	97	22	1	10
„ „ „ 363, 365, 368 & 369—Other cases	36	430	128	56	246	190	361	188	136	5	32
„ „ „ 370 & 371—Slavery	37	4	2	...	2	1	1	1	....	..	...
„ „ „ 372 & 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	20	2	1	17	17	30	14	8		8
„ „ Section 374—Forced labour	39	7	2	...	5	3	4	3	1	...	..
„ „ „ 376—Rape	40	198	21	57	120	97	111	89	45	1	6
Attempt	...	1		...	1	1	1	...	1	...	..
„ „ „ 377—Unnatural offence	41	73	3	6	64	50	60	37	20	...	3
Offences against property.											
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	12	...	3	9	8	14	12	1	..	1
„ „ Sections 379 to 381 & 401—Other cases	43	32,823	4 131	3,041	25,651	15 322	23,690	9,514	12,669	45	1,462
Attempt		11	...	...	11	9	10	3	7	...	...
„ „ „ 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	11	2	1	8	6	7	3	3	1	...
„ „ „ 384 & 385—Other cases	45	1,047	458	20	569	433	622	425	163	...	34
„ „ Section 294—Robbery—With hurt	46	19	1	2	16	13	26	7	11	1	7
„ „ „ 392—Robbery—Other cases	47	218	8	58	152	115	204	108	86	1	9
„ „ „ 393—Robbery—Attempts	48	8	...	1	7	6	7	...	7	...	...
„ „ „ 396—Dacoity—With murder	49	1	...	..	1	1	5	5	...	...	...
„ „ „ 397—Dacoity—With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	7	1	1	5	2	2	1	1	...	...
„ „ „ 398—Dacoity—Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	51	22	1	2	19	8	43	23	14	...	6
„ „ Sections 395, 399, 400 & 402—Dacoity—Other cases	52	196	47	25	124	84	609	413	129	3	64
„ „ „ 403 & 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	53	685	169	9	507	396	551	247	294	3	7
„ „ „ 406 to 409— „ breach of trust	54	2,858	895	156	1,807	1,409	1,687	998	593	10	86
„ „ „ 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	1,903	11	73	1,819	1,750	2,850	950	1,787	9	104
„ „ „ 417 to 420—Cheating	56	1,681	746	21	914	677	905	597	237	8	63
Attempt	...	1	...	..	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
„ „ „ 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	57	19	4	1	14	9	14	8	4	...	2

„ „ „	429 to 433 & 435 to 440—	Mischief	With aggravating circumstances	58	1,749	175	184	1,390	810	1,374	641	621	5	107
			Attempt	...	11	...	...	11	12	12	1	11	...	
„ „ „	426 to 428 & 434—		Other cases	59	7,405	2,127	134	5,144	3,194	4,370	2,665	1,521	1	183
„ „ „	459 & 460—	Criminal trespass	Attempt	...	7	...	...	7	2	2	...	1	...	1
„ „ „	449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 & 458—		Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	26	...	2	24	16	31	17	14	...	...
			For commission of serious offences	61	21,161	269	770	20,122	2,457	3,792	1,312	2,216	14	250
„ „ „	477, 448, 453, 456, 461 & 462—		Attempt	..	90	1	.	89	5	6		6	.	..
			Other cases	62	13,194	3,473	511	9,210	6,453	10,289	5,904	3,990	13	382
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark.														
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 & 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers				63	236	27	..	209	184	350	232	71	3	44
			Attempt	...	1	...	..	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
„ „ „	472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery			64	6	1	...	5	5	5	5	...	...	...
„ „	Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document			65	18	7	...	11	10	11	7	2	...	2
„ „	Sections 482, 486, 487 & 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked			66	23	5	5	13	8	15	3	12	...	..
„ „ „	483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark			67	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	.	...	...
„ „	Section 489—Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury			68	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Criminal breach of contracts and service														
Chapter XIX, Sections 490 to 492				69	46	17	1	28	17	31	11	19	...	1
Offences relating to marriage.														
Chapter XX, Sections 493 to 498				70	4,491	2,133	76	2,282	1,355	1,965	1 470	256	10	129
Defamation.														
Chapter XXI, Sections 500 to 502				71	669	320	14	335	225	296	232	56	1	7
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.														
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt				72	257	62	3	192	116	193	110	82	...	1
„ „	Sections 504 to 510—Other cases			73	2,462	651	37	1,774	944	1,222	755	433	...	34
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE				...	184,614	31,724	7,375	145,515	82,872	133,688	59,572	67,487	260	6,369

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					II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.						
Code of Criminal Procedure.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	74	3,426	760	11	2,655	2,117	9,775	3 798	5,491	7	479
„ „ „ 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	75	1,938	34	7	1,897	1,868	2,009	689	1,211	28	81
Other Laws relating to—											
Adulteration of Food, Act III of 1886 (Bengal Council)	...	7	...	...	7	7	7	...	..	...	7
Arms and Ammunition, Acts XXXI of 1860 and XI of 1878	...	1,521	1	4	1,516	1,498	1,593	154	1,427	1	11
Army and Navy	..	12	.	..	12	12	14	3	11	...	...
Canal, Drainage and Embankment, Acts VI and VIII of 1873	...	41	5	..	36	35	89	16	67	...	6
Cantonment (Military), Acts XXII of 1864 and III of 1880	...	762	27	20	715	704	1,042	122	920	..	...
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1877	...	8,611	1,608	201	6,742	3 147	4,265	2,718	1,452	1	94
Code of Civil Procedure	...	12	...		12	12	14	3	11	..	...
Contagious Diseases (Animal), Act VIII of 1880	...	22	...	...	22	22	24	4	20	..	..
Contract (Workman), Act XIII of 1859	...	397	16	5	376	292	312	72	238	...	2
Cruelty to Animals, Act I of 1869	...	6,503		2	6,501	6,475	8,415	133	8.271	...	8
English Statute Vict., c. 100 (Feloniously killing and murdering)	..	1	...	..	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Emigration (Inland), Act I of 1882	...	118	12	...	106	55	151	58	88	5	...
Excise (Abkari Opium), Acts XXI of 1856, XXIII of 1876, and I and VII of 1878	...	3,654	4	47	3,603	3,568	4,031	650	3,338	1	42
Explosives, Act IV of 1884	...	21	...	...	21	21	33	1	30	...	2
Ferries, Act II of 1873	...	84	7	...	77	70	101	26	72	...	3
Fire-Brigade and Jute Ware-house	...	2	.	...	2	2	2	...	2	..	...
Forest, Act VII of 1878	...	411	3	5	403	352	665	112	540	1	12
Dundewallahs	...	2	...	...	2	2	3	1	2	...	...
Gambling, Act II of 1867	...	346	...	3	343	343	1,131	173	932	2	24
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Acts V of 1866, XVI of 1861, and XIV of 1879	...	3,693	...	5	3,688	3,648	3.965	210	3,755	...	...
Howrah Bridge, Act IX of 1871	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
„ Local, Act XXI of 1857	...	455	...	...	455	455	712	10	699	1	2
Income Tax, Act II of 1886	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	1	1	...	...
Inoculation, Act IV of 1865	...	78	1	...	77	80	85	14	71	...	...
Irrigation, Act III (B.C.) of 1876	...	75	...	...	75	74	164	22	141	1	...
Jails, Acts II of 1864, V of 1865, and XXVI of 1870	...	6	...	...	6	6	6	...	6	...	...

Local Self-government, Act III of 1885	...	60	...	...	60	54	74	4	70	...	...
Legal Practitioners, Act XVIII of 1879	...	6	1	...	5	5	5	...	5	...	...
Lock Hospital Rules	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	2	1	...	...
Lodging Houses, Act IV (B. C.) of 1871	...	95	...	...	95	95	110	8	101	...	1
Serais, Act IV of 1871	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Merchant Seamen, Act XIII of 1876	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Merchant Shipping, Acts I of 1859 and III (B.C) of 1867	...	157	1	...	156	156	286	24	259	2	1
Municipalities, Acts IV and V (B.C.) of 1876	...	30,214	48	263	29,903	20,956	22 535	3,508	18,898	18	111
Petroleum, Act VIII of 1881	...	4	...	..	4	4	6	...	6	...	...
Police (District), Act V of 1861	...	17,481	63	18	17,400	17,170	18,514	1,331	17,137	3	43
Police (Town), Acts II and IV of 1866	...	16,711	...	...	16,711	16,705	23,242	279	22,963	...	...
Poppy, Act XIII of 1857	...	7	...	...	7	7	11	...	11	...	...
Ports, Act XII of 1875	...	2,764	1	...	2,763	2,762	5,292	14	5,278	...	...
Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	...	17	1	...	16	13	16	2	14	...	...
Prisoners, Acts II of 1864, IX of 1866, and V of 1871	...	9	1	...	8	8	11	1	10	...	...
Purchasing	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Press, Act XXV of 1867	...	6	...	...	6	6	7	3	4	...	...
Railways, Act IV of 1879	...	1,350	1	4	1,345	1,317	1,706	206	1,488	2	10
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act IV of 1873	...	838	...	...	838	817	837	137	689	3	8
Registration of Documents, Act XIII of 1877	...	81	1	...	80	76	167	64	92	1	10
Resistance of Apprehension, Act X of 1882	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	...	3	...	...
Road Cess, Act IX of 1880	...	138	4	...	134	134	244	40	204	...	...
Rural Police, Act VIII (B.C) of 1878	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Salt, Acts VII and XXXI of 1861, VII of 1864, and VIII of 1875	...	1,072	...	1	1,071	1,055	1,118	52	1,062	...	4
Smoke Nuisance	...	2	...	...	2	1	3	3	...	...	...
Stamps, Acts X of 1862, XVIII of 1869, and I of 1879	...	976	19	3	954	904	1,111	172	914	3	22
Telegraph, Act I of 1876	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
Tolls, Act V of 1864	...	1	..	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	.
Tramways, Act I of 1880 (B.C.)	...	22	...	...	22	21	22	4	18	...	...
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	...	4	...	...	4	4	12	5	7	...	...
Vaccination, Act V of 1880	...	524	1	...	523	293	943	507	436	...	...
Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	...	35	...	...	35	34	42	2	40	...	...
Water-supply, Act I of 1867	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS	...	104,784	2,680	599	101.505	87,476	114,942	15,362	98,517	80	983
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	...	289,398	34,404	7,974	247,020	170,348	248,630	74,934	166,004	340	7,352

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1888.

Nature of Proceedings.	Total number dealt with during the year.		Disposed of during the year.			Remarks.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI *c* and Section 485	12	18	12	...	18	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	2,564	10,868	2,417	3,798	6,576	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour	1,885	2,004	1,804	689	1,211	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	636	971	578	376	568	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	392	...	376	...	...	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250 .	764	773	764	15	758	
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	51	62	50	38	23	
8. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	928	928	910	508	402	
9. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII	1,098	1,590	1,096	244	1,343	
Total . . .	8,330	17,214	8,007	5,668	10,899	

Note.—Besides the cases and persons shown above, there were two cases for the restoration of abducted females, under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of the two accused persons involved.

Annual Statement—4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1888.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.								NUMBER OF CASES					
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	BROUGHT TO TRIAL DURING THE YEAR.						TOTAL.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	CONVICTED				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of the year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Disposed of summarily.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Returned on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.										
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.									
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	..	..		..	..	..	...		...	..	..	..	...	..	..		-			...	-		
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Special Magistrates under section 14	2	.	12	58	..	...	..	72	1	22	49	..	...	...	..	71	.	31	33	.	..	11 7	125
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	103	423	34	988	8	...	...	1,556	1	532	973	1	3	...	3	1,512	43	1,013	1,026	29	2	11 03	2,947
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class	...	1,037	32	452	20	.	..	1,541	2	364	152	207	3	800	4	1,530	9	1,222	1,214	7	818	5·4	1,295
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	1,470	16,496	2,491	18,478	664	.	...	39,599	52	17,058	20,376	60	...		649	38,143	1,404	26,561	26,586	785	..	12 2	98,408
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class	4,098	97,407	8,866	41,991	2,258	21	6	154,650	220	40,639	16 077	30,362	235	59,948	2,612	149 873	4,557	98,477	98,039	2 304	45.787	8·4	257,992
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES. Benches of Magistrates	540	11,737	1,867	33,970	312	..	.	48,426	30	14,186	6,017	1,231	10,178	16,020	1	47,633	763	41,475	41,322	573	30,422	5·3	49,690
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under sections 347 and 349	5		...	...	.	240		245	.	36	156	43	...		7	242	3	149	151	3	...	7·9	76
CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS. Under ordinary powers	61	1,051	364	809	65	1		2,351	6	739	244	478	23	623	106	2,213	132	1,496	1,512	71	536	10·07	5,618
CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS. Under special powers under section 34.	...	32	1	5	.	15		53		13	21	...		.	18	52	1	28	27	1	..	15·8	200
TOTAL	6,279	128.183	13,667	96,751	3,327	280	6	248,493	312	73 589	44.065	32,382	10,442	77,391	3 400	241,269	6,912	170.452	169.904	3,773	77,565	7 7	416.354
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	..	...	...		...	...	...	..	..				...	...	...	...	..		
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	384	...	...	...	...	3,046	6	3,436	29	1,292	1,568	50		...	63	2,973	434	1,619	1,606	220	5	48	12,669
JUDGES. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under section 34, C. P. C.	...	..	...	..	...	18	...	18	...	...	17	.	.	...	...	17	1	9	8	1	.	32·6	...
JUDGES. Cases referred by Assistant Judges under section 31, C. P. C.	.	.			...		...	..		..		...	...		..			...	.			.	...
TOTAL	384	.			...	3.064	6	3.454	29	1,292	1,585	50			63	2,990	435	1,628	1,614	221	5	47 9	12,669
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
HIGH COURT. Cases under sections 417 and 526, C. P. C.	1		...	...		1	1	3	2		...	..		.	...		1	.		.	...		3
HIGH COURT. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	9	.	..		...	70	.	79	...	28	...	48	.	...	...	76	3	46	49	3	...	27·7	439
HIGH COURT. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	4	...	...	...	..	31		35	...	18	...	16	...	...	...	34	1	23	25	1		31·8	...
HIGH COURT. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	7	..	..	...	.	32		39	..	8	..	27	...		...	35	4	28	31	3		26·9	...
TOTAL	21				..	134	1	156	2	54	.	91	..			145	9	97	105	7		28·4	442
GRAND TOTAL	6,684	128,183	13,667	96,751	3,327	3,478	13	252,108	343	74,935	45,650	32,523	10,442	77,391	3,463	244,404	7,356	172,177	171,623	4,001	77,570	8·2	429,465

248.493
384
248.880
248.630
486 = (240 + 1 + 15) = 256
1,66,906
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Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1888

PERSONS SENTENCED TO / **PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE** / **PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.**

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	Death.	Transportation: For life.	Transportation: For a term	Penal servitude	Imprisonment, Rigorous: With solitary confinement	Imprisonment, Rigorous: Without solitary confinement	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine: With imprisonment	Fine: Without imprisonment	Whipping: In addition to other punishment	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment	Sureties of the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour	One year and under	Three years and under
I.—MAGISTRATES.																	
Village officers under Section 14	..	...	...	..	..	..	.		...	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates	.	...	...		..	.			..	49	...	...		...			.
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	..	...	...		...	70	10		10	897	..	...	...	..		...	..
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class		...	...		...	106	4	.	15	1,033	..	2	.	...	..	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class		..	...	.	3	4,552	227		1,095	15,464	..	51	21	2	21	19	..
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class	.	...	.		62	17,795	611	.	2,962	79,882	68	736	2,744	3,670	1,035	879	2
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates	.	.	.		.	805	34		156	31,021		12	2	20	1	1	.
District and Divisional Magistrates, cases referred under Sections 347 and 349	..	...	...		4	149	2		11	11	10	25	20	19			..
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers		...	..		4	339	17		46	679	5	24	69	46	118	77	..
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34		..	..			27			..	30				.			
TOTAL		.	..		73	23,873	905		4,295	129,066	83	850	2,856	3,757	1,175	976	2
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	..	...	...		...	...	..		..	.		.	...	..	..	.	..
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	.	78	54	..	19	1,376	16		122	10	10	10	2	1	31	10	21
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	.	..	...	.	...	17	..	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	3
Judges. Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.			...	.	...		...	..	.	...	..	..	.	.	..	..	
TOTAL	.	78	54		19	1,393	16	.	122	10	10	10	2	1	35	11	24
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
High Court. Cases coming before the Court under Sections 447 and 526, C. P. C.		.	...		..	...	...	.	..	...	..	...	...	..		..	
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	2	5	5	1	...	35	...		...	...		.	..	.	..	...	
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	1	3	1		..	11	...		...	...		...		..		.	
High Court. Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	19	5				3	...				..			...	..	.	
TOTAL	22	13	6	1	...	49	–	.		.	.	.	..			.	.
GRAND TOTAL	22	91	60	1	92	25,315	921		4,417	129,076	93	860	2,858	3,758 (a)	1,210	987	26

DETAIL OF PUNISHMENTS.

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	Fine: R10 and under.	Fine: R50 and under.	Fine: R100 and under.	Fine: R500 and under.	Fine: R1,000 and under.	Fine: Above R1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year	Total amount of fines realized during the year	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Imprisonment, 15 days & under: Rigorous	15 days & under: Simple	6 months & under: Rigorous.	6 months & under: Simple	2 years & under: Rigorous	2 years & under: Simple	7 years & under: Rigorous.	7 years & under: Simple	Above 7 years: Rigorous	Above 7 years: Simple	Whipped: 10 stripes and under.	Whipped: 20 stripes and under.	Whipped: 90 stripes and under	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village officers under Section 14	...		.			.	..	...	.	...		..				..			.	.		...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates	39	10	–	.			427	421	12			..		.		.		.			.	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	858	47	1	1		.	3,651	3,562	258	41	10	29		...				.		...		..	.
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class	975	63	8	2			5,428	4,247	131	25	3	74	1	7					..	..	2	.	2
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 2nd and 3rd class	13,834	2,694	112	9	.	.	1,24,117	1,09,9[illegible]	8,760	1,399	172	3,182	55	23				.		24	20	7	3
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly. 1st class	74,038	8,007	612	184	5	.	4,96,88[illegible]	4,29,830	22,05[illegible]	3,032	394	11,482	212	4,161	11	57		.		377	331	96	61
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates	29,733	1,408	35	1			97,614	93,327	2,590	390	30	400	5	15				...	.	8	4	..	.
District and Divisional Magistrates, cases referred under Sections 347 and 349	11	8	3				619	250	100			50	2	101		2		.	..	11	20	4	2
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers	602	92	17	11	2	1	13,067	7,909	953	69	12	211	5	118	.	2		...		19	8	3	2
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34	29	1					134	143		1		5	...	7		14						.	..
TOTAL	1,20,117	12,240	738	208	7	1	7,41,940	6,49,591	34,962	4,977	621	15,433	280	4,431	11	75				433	385	110	70
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	..			...	.		.		.	.		...	.			...				..	...	..	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	3	84	16	28		1	15,693	8,080	629	20	11	138	4	474	1	750	1	43	..	...	7	13	
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.		.	.	.			.	.		.	...		..	2		18			.	..	..	...	...
Judges. Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.		...					.							..						.		.	..
TOTAL	3	84	16	26		1	15,693	8,080	629	20	11	138	4	476	1	764	1	43			7	13	3
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court. Cases coming before the Court under Sections 447 and 526, C. P. C.	..	..	...	..			..	.	.	.	.	.	.	...	.				...	...	...		..
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	..					.	...	..	..	..		2	.	2		26	.	5		...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	.	.				..	.		–	.	2	..		..	11			.	.	...	...	...
High Court. Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	..								.	.						1			..	.	...		...
TOTAL				.	.	.				.		4		2	.	38		5	...	...		.	
GRAND TOTAL	1,20,120	12,324	804	236	7	2	7,57,633	6,57,671	35,591	4,997	632	15,575	284	4,909	12	882	1	48		438	392	123	73

N. B.—Besides the persons entered in the statement there were 2,293 persons who were warned and discharged, 228 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts under Act 1 of 1882, 97 seamen were ordered to forfeit wages; 35 vagrants were sent to the workhouse; 11 deserters were sent to the Military Authorities to be dealt with by them, 41 persons ordered to get their children vaccinated; 92 persons ordered to pay hackney carriage fare; recognizance to keep from placing stones on the Railway line was taken from the father of 9 accused boys, and three were discharged after warning; 39 persons were ordered to give recognizance as well as sureties. In addition to the persons shown as sentenced, the guardian of 5 minors were bound down—offences under Section 144, Act IV of 1879.

(a) Of these, 1,063 persons were ordered, under Section 106, C. P. C., to furnish securities in addition to other punishment.

Annual Statement—5a—(Criminal).

Statement showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1888.

Part I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other punishment.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of Stripes awarded.												
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT.													
(Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864)													
1. Theft, as defined in Section 378, I. P. C.	71	..	192	...	124	...	62	5	15	2	23	1	495
1. Theft, as defined in „ 380 „	6	.	77	...	44	...	28	2	10	...	2	1	170
1. Theft, as defined in „ 381 „	3	...	12	..	12		6	..	6	...	1	1	41
1. Theft, as defined in „ 382 „	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 388 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 389 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411 „	1		11	...	10	2	11	1	10	1	2	...	49
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 412 „	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4 Lurking house-trespass, as defined in . „ 443 „	1	...	2	..	4	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	10
5. Ditto by night, as defined in . „ 444 „	...	...	2	...	5	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	10
6. House-breaking, as defined in . „ 445 „	...	...	2		3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6
7. Ditto by night, as defined in . „ 446 „	1	...	4	...	7	...	2	...	5		1	.	20
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880 .	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	83	...	302	..	210	3	114	9	46	3	29	3	802

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED	Number of Stripes.						Total.
	5 and under	6 to 10.	11 to 15	16 to 20.	21 to 25	26 to 30	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT.							
(SECTIONS 3 AND 4)							
A.—Section 3 :—							
1. Theft, as defined in Section 378, I. P. C.	...	1	5	13	5	13	37
1. Theft, as defined in „ 380 „	...	2	8	6	1	8	25
1. Theft, as defined in „ 381 „	...	1	1		...	1	3
1. Theft, as defined in „ 382 „	...	...			.	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 388 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in „ 389 „	...		...	.	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411 „	...	1	5	1	1	4	12
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 412 „	...	...	...		...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in „ 443 „	...	.		. .	...	...	...
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „	...	...	...		...	1	1
6. House-breaking, as defined in „ 445 „	...	.	...	...	...	2	2
7 Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „	...	...	..	2	...	4	6
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...		...
B.—Section 4 :—							
1. False evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C.	...		...		...		...
1. False evidence, as defined in „ 194 „	...	.	...	. .	...	. .	...
1. False evidence, as defined in „ 195 „	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in „ 211 and „ 377 „	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in „ 211 and „ 377 „	...	.	...	.	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in „ 354 „	.	...	...		...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in „ 375 „	...	.	.	...	...	...	..
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in „ 377 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in „ 390 „	.	...		...	...	...	...
7. Dacoity, as defined in „ 391 „	...	...	...	...	..	. .	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in „ 393 „		...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in „ 394 „	...	...	.	..		.	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 413 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 463 „	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 466 „	...	...	...		.	.	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 467 „	..	..	...	...	.	.	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 468 „	...	...		.	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in „ 469 „	...	...	...	.	.		..
12. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in „ 443 „	...	...	2			..	2
13. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „	...	...		...	...	...	...
14. House-breaking, as defined in „ 445 „	.	..	...	1	.		1
15. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „	...	...	...	. .	..	1	1
TOTAL	...	5	21	23	7	34	90

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles, for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE.	STRIPES												TOTAL.
	5 AND UNDER.		6 TO 10.		11 TO 15		16 TO 20.		21 TO 25.		26 TO 30.		
	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction	1st conviction	Subsequent conviction	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	
Section 44 (Railway) . .	7	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ 193, I. P. C. . . .	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ 224 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 251 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 289 „ . . .	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 290 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sections 328 and 309, I. P. C. .	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Section 324, I. P. C. . . .	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 326 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 336 „ . . .	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 352 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 377 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	3	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	5
„ 379 „ . . .	3	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ 380 „ . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 381 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 382 „ . . .	2	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ 403 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1
„ 406 „ . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 408 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 411 „ . . .	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ 429 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 448 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 457 „ . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	1
„ 11, Act II of 1867 . .	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	2
TOTAL .	18	...	28	...	10	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	61

PART IV.

Showing relative Number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.	
1. Total number of whippings awarded . . .	953		
2. Total number of other punishments . . .	165,051	Total number of convicted persons who might have been, but were not, whipped .	22,269
Percentage of Whippings . .	·57		

Annual Statement—6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Provinces of Bengal during the year 1888.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.			Number of Persons.											Number of cases.		
			Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or Applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, omitting those who died or escaped, or whose cases were transferred.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS																	
To		**From**															
District Magistrates		Subordinate Magistrates	6,405	3	842	3 190	...	618	1,247	11	91	2	6,001	401	3.880	3,851	181
Courts of Session		Magistrates	10,415	19	2,689	4,165	...	1,049	2,003	9	76	6	9,997	399	6,515	6,568	222
		Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts.	By persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	101	...	67	23	...	3	3	...	...	...	96	5	90	88	5
		Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	11	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	5	4	1
		Sessions Judges	1,436	...	637	426	..	115	161	...	6	...	1,345	91	812	834	49
	By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417	All Courts	8	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	8	...	3	3	...
					708	431		118	170		6						
		Total	18,376	22	4,239	7,806	...	1,785	3,420	20	173	8	17.451	903	11,305	11,348	458
REVISION																	
By		**Of order of**															
District Magistrates		Subordinate Magistrates	1,430	..	1,143	469	...	23	168	7	515	125	2,450	95	1,478	1,482	59
Courts of Session		Magistrates	2,632	1	2,439	619	...	1	33	16	580	419	4,107	190	1,743	1,757	85
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 432, 438)		Magistrates	635	...	..	197	3	33	299	2	79	...	613	22	246	263	12
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435)		Magistrates	1,040	1	561	184	...	69	166	...	22	...	1,002	37	361	365	18
		Courts of Session	91	...	47	8	4	...	25	...	5	...	89	2	46	52	1
					608	359		109	490	25	106						
		Total	5,828	2	4,190	1,477	7	126	691	25	1,201	544	8,261	346	3,874	3,919	175
		GRAND TOTAL	24,204 (a)	24	8,429	9,283	7	1,911	4,111	45	1,374	552	25,712	1,249	15,179	15.267	633

(a) Besides these, there were 2,780 accused persons in whose cases the application made was not in their behalf or interest. These persons, though not shown in column 2, are shown in columns 4 to 12 according to the result of the application.

Annual Statement—7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1888.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Juror or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS			Remarks. (Note in what classes of cases Juries and Assessors have been principally employed.)
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
CRIMINAL COURTS.												
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C. — Jurors	Three and five Jurors	36	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII and XXVIII of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Patna, and the 24-Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Courts of Session — Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors, qualifications as described in Chapter XVIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	305	..	240	39	26	31	38	...	...	...	
Courts of Session — Assessors		...	1,157	...	...	...	...	.	851	137	169	
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction — Jurors	Nine Jurors, qualifications as described in Rules 2 and 3 of the Jury Rules.	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL		384	1,157	276	39	26	31	38	851	137	169	

Annual Statement—8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Bengal in the year 1888.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF															NUMBER OF CASES.						SUBSIDIARY TABLE.							
		WITHIN THE YEAR.							BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND OTHER 1ST CLASS MAGISTRATES.							BY COURTS OF SESSION.				BY HIGH COURT.			TOTAL FOR ALL COURTS.													
	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Reports, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate suo motu, Section 191 (c) of the Code	On transfer from another district or province.	Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred to other districts or provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Received by transfer under Section 461B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed. To Court of Session.	Committed. To High Court.	Transferred by order under Section 451B of the Code.	Total, omitting entries in columns 10 and 15	Received by transfer under Section 461D of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under section 446 of the Code.	Total, exclusive of column 17.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 446 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.	35						36			
																																			OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOWN IN						OF CASES SHOWN IN COLUMN 30.			
																																			Column 16.			Column 21.		Columns 21 and 24.		Disposed of by Magistrates	Disposed of by Sessions Judges.		
																																			Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 451A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 3A (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 451 of the Code	Number who claimed a mixed number of Assessors, Section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34											
																																		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Offences relating to coin and stamps	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...											
Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	...	...	...											
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X	...	3	1	...	...	4	...	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...											
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV	...	...	4	1	...	5	...	5	...	1	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	1	5	4	1	...	...	...											
False evidence and offences against public justice	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...											
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Hurt	...	8	2	...	...	10	...	10	...	1	8	1	...	...	10	...	1	..	...	1	...	...	..	2	8	10	...	9	9	...	...	...	...											
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Wrongful restraint	...	1	...	...	...	1	.	1	...		1	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...											
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Criminal force and assault	...	25	5	...	...	30	...	30	...	10	20	...	...	...	30	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	10	20	30	...	26	26	...	..	...	...											
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI — Rape	...	...	2	...	...	2	..	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...											
Defamation, Chapter XXI	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	3	3	...	3	3	..	...	...	...											
Offences against property, Chapter XVII — Theft	...	...	8	...	...	8	...	8	...	7	1	..	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	8	...	6	6	...	...	...	...											
Offences against property, Chapter XVII — Mischief	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	...	...	...											
Offences against property, Chapter XVII — Criminal trespass	...	8	8	...	...	16	...	16	...	12	4	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16	...	10	10	..	...	...	...	...	206	...	...	1	...	2	136	11	2	...
Criminal breach of trust	...	3	...	..	...	3	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	...	...	...											
Offences relating to marriage	...	2	...	..	...	2	..	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...											
Criminal intimidation	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	3	2	...	...	...	5	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	...	5	5	...	...	...	...											
Offences under Special & Local Laws	...	82	27	2	...	111	...	111	...	93	18	1	...	...	111	..	1	...	..	1	...	...	93	18	111	...	70	70	...	...	...	...											
TOTAL	...	145	61	3	...	209	...	209	...	131	71	4	..	...	206	...	2	1	...	3	...	...	133	72	205	4	163	149	4	...	...	...											

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